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AS DEMOCRACY SWEEPS ON TO VICTORY. Scenes in Spain. At left, leaders of the International Brigade, composed of liberty-loving anti-fascists of many countries, discuss military maneuvers. At right, a little girl, giving her younger brother an airing during the lull in the fascist air raids on Madrid, teaches the baby how to give the clenched fist salute of the People's Front.

C. I. O. UNITES FORCES IN L. A. TO ORGANIZE

Council Formed, But Not Dual Body

LOS ANGELES Formation of a conference of all unions who are refused admission to the AFL or to the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, was recommended Monday night, April 5, at a meeting of local CIO affiliated unions.

Growing out of a resolution adopted at the previous week's meeting when a committee was appointed to "draft a program or policy to coordinate the CIO in organizing workers in basic industries," the recommendation was unanimously adopted with the first meeting of the conference scheduled for April 12, at the ILGWU hall, 828½ South Broadway.

Particular emphasis was made

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Ford in Mayoralty Finals in L.A.

LOS ANGELES The Shaw-Davis political machine ran on a snag in primary elections here when, although he led the six candidates, Mayor Shaw failed by a substantial margin to win election.

John Anson Ford, progressive supervisor, polled 40,520 votes in an incomplete count, and will contest with Shaw at the final election in May. Shaw received 54,177 votes.

It was believed Ford stands an excellent chance to beat Shaw in the finals.

Councilmanic Results

In the 13th Councilmanic District, an incomplete report showed that Darwin Tate, anti-labor incumbent, was leading Grover Johnson, famed labor attorney, about two-to-one. In the campaign, Tate's political machine resorted to kidnapping, slander, and other tricks against Johnson's campaign.

Help Change Court, Urges Leo Gallagher

LOS ANGELES Declaring that: "We cannot wait. We must act now," Leo Gallagher, well known International Labor Defense attorney, issued the following statement in support of President Roosevelt's proposed Supreme Court changes:

"The American Liberty League, Hearst, DuPont and Co., are using every effort to intimidate congress and compel it to reject Roosevelt's plan to liberalize the Supreme Court."

"At Least a Beginning" To counteract this reactionary influence, it is necessary that every progressive force in the nation be motivated in support of the president's program.

While it is true that a temporary

Cal. Official Aided In Sale of Tear Gas

Morrill, Chief of Bureau of Investigation, Acted as Federal Laboratories Salesman

SACRAMENTO—Clarence S. Morrill, Chief of the California bureau of investigation, used his position to help Federal Laboratories, Inc., peddle tear and nauseating gas to industrial concerns.

Startling revelation to that effect, made in Washington by the La Follette Senate Committee investigating civil liberties, burst

like a bombshell over Sacramento.

The La Follette Commission has revealed that Morrill acted as agent for the tear gas company in Alaska, during a vacation there in 1934; that he used his influence to arrange the purchase of Federal grenades by the San Francisco Examiner; that he issued permits to Federal Laboratories for private companies whenever some local police officers refused to do so.

A letter from Federal's West Coast salesman, Joseph Roush, dated August 15, 1934, states:

"Made a deal with Clarence

Morrill yesterday for the introduction of line into Alaska. B. H. seemed quite pleased. Hope that they sell a lot of equipment. He (Morrill) also said to keep plenty of gas and guns on hand as he expects a lot of trouble later in the year."

B. H. is B. H. Barker, vice-president of Federal Laboratories, replied:

"It will be agreeable for Mr. Morrill and his son to openly negotiate for us in Alaska, and we will be glad to work out some basis of compensation for him should anything concrete develop during the period of his stay."

"Be careful of any promises you make him," Barker warned, "and when you have made an arrangement with him, send us in detail exactly what the plan is."

STRIKE TALKED ON COLUSA WPA

COLUSA, Colusa County—Strike sentiment is strong among WPA gutter project workers, who want higher wages.

A meeting was called but did not materialize.

HEARST WOULD GRAB FINEST CASCADE LAND

Expose Attempt to Steal From Public

BLUE LAKE, Modoc County—An attempt is under way to trade valuable and beautiful government land along the McCloud River, to William Randolph Hearst, in return for undesirable land owned by the latter in the Trinity Alps Primitive area.

Hearst's Plan

The attempt, defended by Shasta National Forest Supervisor Bachman, is assailed by W. L. Humphreys, president of the Dunsmuir Fish and Game Club, who describes the Hearst land as being inaccessible, with bad weather to boot.

Humphreys further charges:

"The same condition prevails

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ILA Meet to Deal With Labor Party, CIO

The three West Coast ISU groups have committed themselves to prevent reactionary AFL officials from wrecking the East Coast rank and file movement.

The Sailors, Cooks and Firemen passed motions:

1. Condemning the executive committee of the AFL and the Hunter Scharrenberg controlled ISU executive committee for refusing to agree to conduct honest and fair elections in the Eastern and Gulf District;

2. Re-affirming previous decisions recognizing the regularly elected officials of the East Coast rank and file unions;

3. Approving the decisions of East Coast Sailors and Cooks to

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Teamster Heads in E. Bay Scaberry

OAKLAND—Plumbing the depths of scaberry, Teamsters' officials in the East Bay have ordered their members to go through picket lines of nine companies struck by the Warehousesmen and the Cannery Workers Union.

Secretary Real of Teamsters Local 70 said the order was made on instructions of William Green and Teamsters Int'l. President Tobin.

Real sent Teamsters through picket lines at the California Conserving Co. in Hayward and California Packing plants here

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Anti-Injunction Bill is Favored

SACRAMENTO—A bill outlawing injunctions in labor disputes has been recommended for passage by the Assembly labor and capital committee.

The bill, backed by the State Federation of Labor, was reported out favorably by the committee without a dissenting vote.

GOV'T TROOPS PUSH AHEAD IN CORDOBA

Reinforcements Sent To Basques' Aid In Bilbao

MADRID—In all centers of troop activity except Bilbao, government forces continue to advance while demobilization grows in the fascist forces.

Government successes in the past few days were most emphatic in Cordoba province where troops were being massed in preparation for an assault on the town of Villaharta. Its capture would mean the cutting of the fascist main line of communication from the city of Cordoba to the Penarroya Coal fields.

Government troops had already driven insurgents from the heights of Mt. Chimorro, which had been considered virtually impregnable and which dominates the Cordoba-Penorroya highway.

Pave the Way

Capture of Villaharta would complete the isolation of thousands of Fascist troops who were cut off from their main base when their attack on Pozoblanco in north Cordoba province was turned back in a rout. It would also open the way for a drive against the city of Cordoba itself, an important center of the fascist command in the south.

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WPA WORKERS, in a sitdown at paymaster's office at 83 First Street, San Francisco, when strike began.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS ON DEMANDS

Strikers in Bay Area Picketing Despite Police Clubs

SAN FRANCISCO—After a hard-fought week, during which every method was employed by the WPA officials to confuse and split the ranks, the WPA strikers Thursday were still marshaling strong picket lines and keeping most of the projects tied up.

Wednesday night, for the first time WPA officials held formal negotiations with the strike committee, and after four hours' discussion tentatively and partially granted six demands. Two, the matter of layoffs and the setting of the promised 10 percent raise, are still being negotiated with prospects of being granted. The demand that all workers on relief rolls eligible for WPA and wanting jobs, be given WPA employment was denied because of no jurisdiction.

Granted

The demands granted wholly or partially were:

No. 4—No worker shall be forced into agriculture unless it is determined he is an agricultural worker. (Granted.)

No. 5—Order No. 44, deducting from monthly wages for time lost due to inclement weather or other conditions beyond control of the workers, be rescinded. (It is agreed to work out a system making it possible for a worker to find out whether a job will work on any given day without the worker having to report at the project.)

No. 6—Labor Policy Boards be established with representatives of the Organized Unemployed. (Details to be worked out.)

No. 7—All workers leaving WPA for private industry to be immediately replaced by eligible SRA clients (within the

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Mass Circulation for the 'Western'

Appeal by California State Committee of C. P. on a Foremost Task

"The people's champion of Liberty, Progress, and Peace!"

Everywhere the Western Worker is being accepted by ever-growing numbers of working people on the Pacific Coast as the organ of struggle of the labor and progressive forces against reaction, for the rights of labor, democracy and peace.

Influential Voice of Labor

It has become an influential voice in strike struggles and the drive to organize the unorganized, the fight for unity in the labor movement, and the fight for industrial unionism. It is a weapon in the building of the movement for independent political action by labor, in the fight to curb the autocratic Supreme Court, and preserve the democratic rights of the people.

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Meet to Launch Agricultural Union for Calif.

Undiscouraged by the State Federation executive board's sabotage, cannery and agricultural workers have called a new conference to be held in Bakersfield April 25.

The conference was set by the temporary executive board elected at the recent State Federation sponsored state-wide agricultural conference held in San Francisco.

The conference will launch the Federation of Agricultural and Cannery Workers, taking in all field, cannery, nut, fruit and vegetable workers.

The temporary board is writing in the AFL executive council in Washington, to apply for an international or a state charter in agriculture. The United Federation arbitrarily rejected the program adopted by the San Francisco conference, and stated it would apply for a state charter which would exclude cannery, nut, fruit and vegetable packing workers, taking in only field workers.

More than 25 southern California colleges and junior colleges, and many high schools are scheduled to participate in the giant Peace Day demonstration, beginning throughout the nation at 11 a.m.

STUDENTS SET STRIKE ON WAR IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES—Working on a broad united front basis of student and youth organizations, preparations for the national strike against war called by the United Student Peace Committee for April 22, are rapidly being completed, reports from the local American Student Union indicate.

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IRISH FORM A 'FRIENDS OF SPAIN' IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES—In line with progressive and democratic forces throughout the world and prompted by a similar movement in San Francisco, an organization entitled the Irish Friends of Spanish Democracy is being organized in Los Angeles.

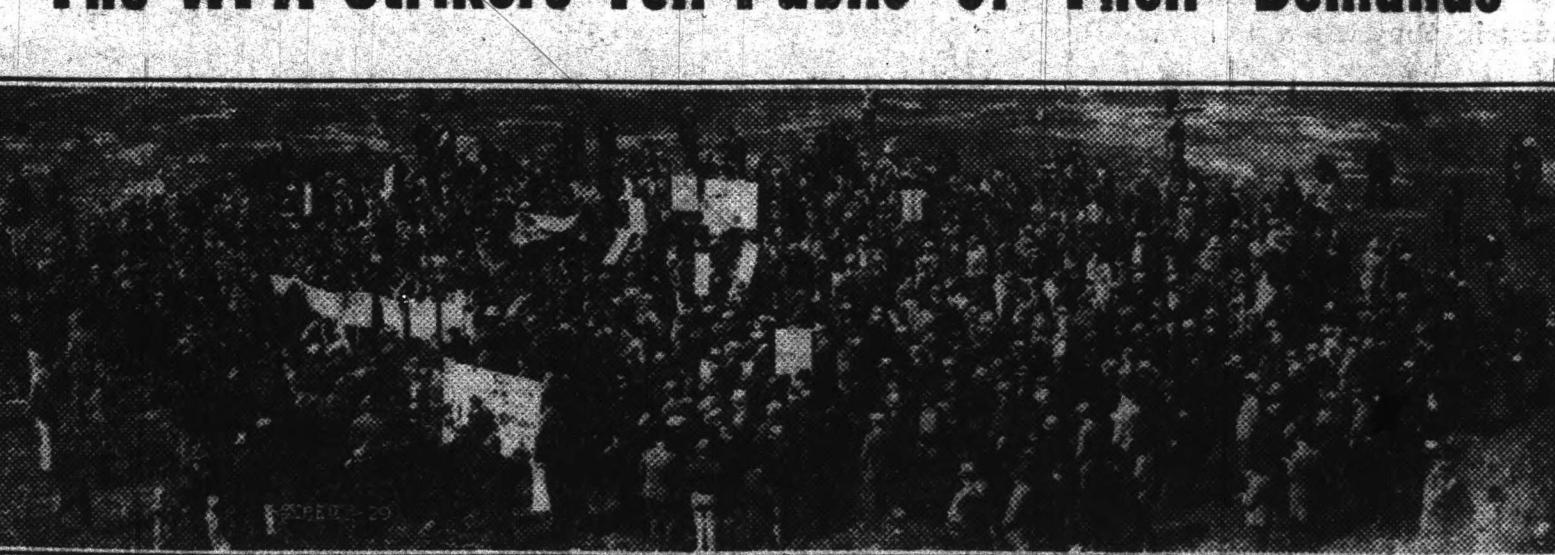
Temporary chairman of the group is Carey McWilliams, noted liberal attorney, whose offices are in the Spring Arcade Building.

GOLD, ROSS AT READERS' L. A. PARLEY

LOS ANGELES—With Mike Gold, noted proletarian journalist, and Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, or scheduled to address the meeting, the Western Worker Readers' Conference will be held Friday, April 16, at 8 o'clock at the Cultural Center, 230 South Spring Street.

Object of the Conference will be to provide an opportunity for all readers of the Western Worker to offer their criticism and suggestions for the building and improvement of the paper.

All readers are invited and each unit in the county is to elect and send two delegates.



ONE OF THE mass meetings of WPA strikers in San Francisco. Scene is at Marshall Square, San Francisco, last Saturday.

Order Special May Day Issue:

AMERICANS IN FINE WORK IN SPAIN FIGHT

**Lincoln Battalion,
Medical Units Aid
In Victories**

VALENCIA—The press of republican Spain reflects the opinion that another decisive victory such as Guadalajara will turn the tide of international opinion and bring pressure against Italy and Germany to withdraw troops and other assistance to the rebels.

Americans' Big Part
Americans have shared in the Spanish republican victories. In addition to the Lincoln battalion at the Madrid front, America was represented at the immediate rear by two medical units, one of which, under Dr. Edward Barski, has been operating two months. The other, under Dr. Friedman, has just arrived at Barcelona.

Almost as soon as the Barski group set up a base hospital, the Jarama drive was launched and the wounded began pouring in. Running water was not yet connected, electric current was unstable, current supplies were largely unpacked, yet the staff, with sleeves rolled up, plunged into the heroic work, while Dr. Barski stood operating there 48 hours without a break.

Drastic operations at night by flashlight when the current failed, demonstrate the ability of Americans to forget facilities to which they are accustomed and adapt themselves to war conditions. The Americans later moved to the second line hospital where the bulk of heavy operations are performed.

I visited the Barski hospital in search of American wounded, but found few. Most of our boys had already recovered and returned to the Madrid front. Several dozen Americans were at Murcia, scattered through four hospitals. An American nurse showed me through, locating all members of the Lincoln battalion, including Capt. Bob Merriman, whose left shoulder wound is recovering rapidly. He is extremely active in obtaining comforts and attention for Anglo-American wounded and also French and Spanish boys in the same rooms. Americans smoking powerful Spanish or French tobacco drop it hastily at the sight of American cigarettes. Chocolate and reading materials—especially anti-fascist literature—were hungrily sought.

We lack thermometers, sick room utensils, linen and soap," an American nurse told me. "Tell the medical aid bureau that Spain could use to the full advantage a thousand surgeons and nurses and unlimited materials."

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How Many Can You Answer?

1—What two sections of the British Labor Party have formed a United Front with the British Communist Party?

2—What is the strongest union organization of Filipino agricultural workers in California, and who is its secretary?

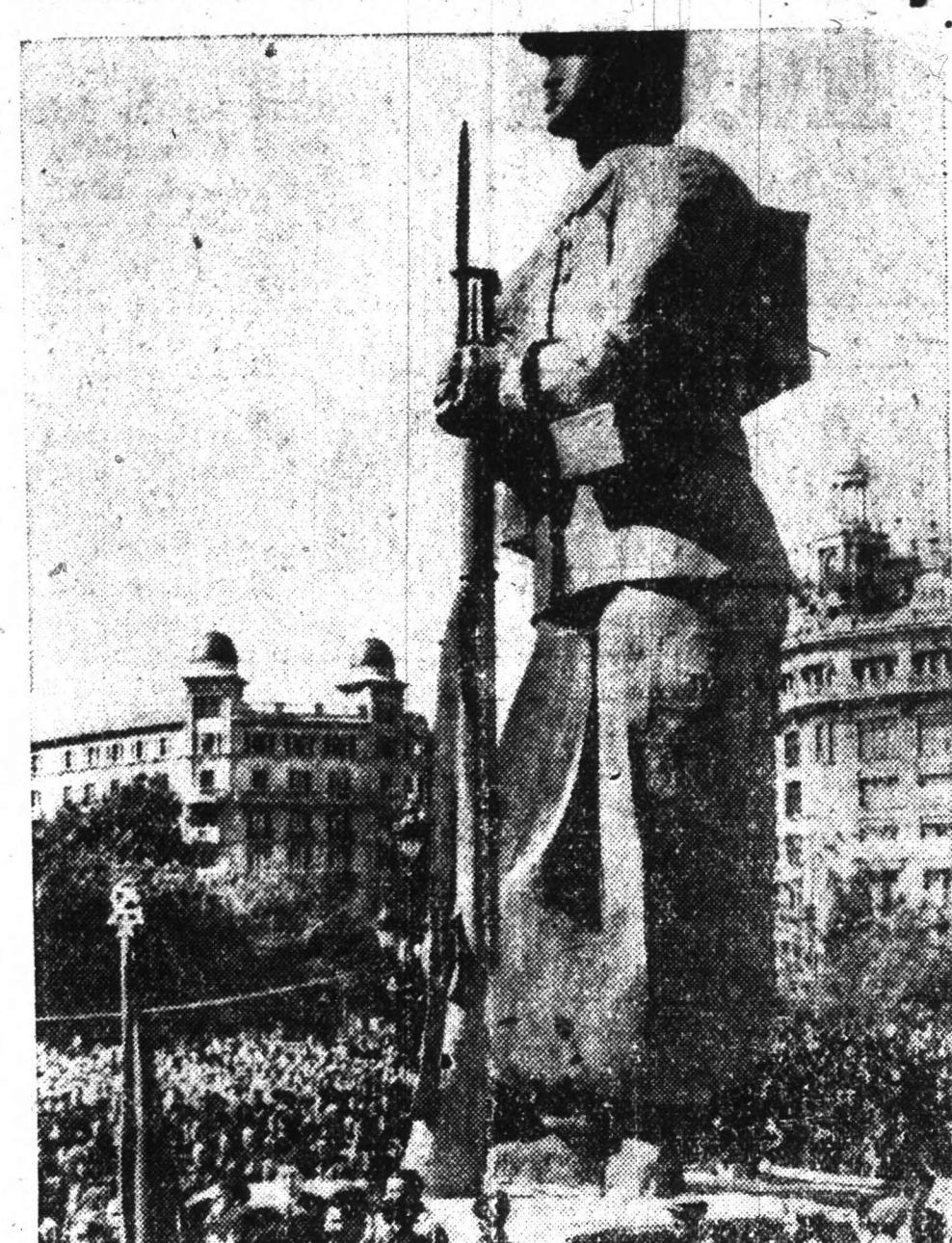
3—What was Jack London's definition of a seab?

4—Who is president of the Screen Actors Guild in Hollywood?

5—What body leads the CIO textile and garment drive, and who is head of that body?

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Memorial to Heroes of Democracy



A HUGE STATUE of a government soldier, made of lath and plaster, is dedicated in a Barcelona, Catalonia, square in the presence of members of the battalion of death and 10,000 Catalans who volunteered to defend Spain against fascism.

ILA DISCUSSES LABOR PARTY, CIO RELATIONS

Part of Preparation for Convention in May

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4. Pledging co-operation with the Eastern and Gulf membership in maintaining and strengthening their unions and in restoring unity on a national scale.

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McCloud Will Be Closed

The public lands involved on the McCloud do not tell the whole story of this attempt to turn the best rainbow trout stream in this section, stocked by the sportsmen's money, into private hands. Hearst, from time to time buys privately owned lands fronting on the McCloud river.

By the very simple expedient of putting two and two together it will be noted that the public lands which he would acquire through this trade, plus what he has purchased privately, will very effectively bottle up the entire territory so that the general public might well forget there is such a stream in the state.

The count of protests filed with the register of the Sacramento land office, shows the same overwhelming sentiment against the change; being in the proportion of 100 to 1.

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SCHOOLS WOULD GAIN BY DART BEING CHOSEN

Progressive Needed As E. Bay School Director

By NAT YANISH

The records supply the answer to the query: "Why must we shake up the Board of Education and elect Vane V. Dart as school director, No. 1?"

In 1931, salaries of school teachers were cut 15 per cent. After six years of constant rise in cost of living, teachers' salaries are still 5 per cent below that of 1931.

In Alameda County, every other city and county employee has had a complete restoration of salary cuts, and in many cases has received an increase in pay. The standard of the school teachers, however, is kept below normal.

No Lack of Funds

The Board of Education is not pressed for funds. The contrary is true.

A building fund of 70 cents per \$100 valuation has never been used. Only 9 cents per \$100 is utilized to replace school hazards.

The board could ask for the residue of the 70 cents. Bonds could be floated. The incumbent school directors are, however, astute politicians. They do not wish the gaze of the public upon them. Much easier is it to make the teachers pay—and no questions asked.

Vane V. Dart believes that children should be proffered free medical, optical and dental care. For over 20 years a union man in Alameda County, he is pledged, with Oleta O'Connor, Educational Director of the Communist party in San Francisco, as speaker.

Comrade O'Connor will review the background of the present expose, reveal the struggle going on behind the scenes between opposing corrupt factions, and trace the program to be followed if an efficient fight is to be waged against graft, corruption and bribery in the city administration.

The urgency of the topic has caused a switch in the forum program with Eddie Alexander, educational director of the Young Communist League, to speak the following Sunday, April 18th.

A large attendance is urged for the forum on graft. It is important that discussion and proposals be heard from as many people as possible, in order to help frame a plan of action to meet the challenge thrown in the face of the people.

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May Day Manifesto—Full Page About Spain—Full Page About Fight to Curb Supreme Court, And Farmer-Labor Party Developments in California—Music and Words of the New United Front Song—Reb Raney's May Day Poem

L.A. PLANS FOR MAY DAY PICNIC

LOS ANGELES—In celebration of international workers' solidarity, the workers' club will hold its annual May Day Picnic, Sunday, April 25, at the Royal Palms Grove, San Pedro, with admission at 35 cents.

Selected feature entertainment is promised with a wide variety of food. In addition there will be dancing and games.

Trucks, for those who do not have cars, will leave at 9 a.m. from 230 South Spring Street, and from 241½ Brooklyn Avenue.

S.F. Grand Jury's Political Set-Up

SAN FRANCISCO—Possibility of the police graft investigation doing anything to root out corruption in the city government, seemed highly improbable here last Wednesday when the composition of the newly selected grand jury was revealed.

Known to have been selected for political reasons, members of the grand jury panel were thinned out to 19, who will compose the grand jury.

Jurors Represent Big Business

Of the 19, only three represent the working people of San Francisco.

The labor men, all union officials, are: Hugo Ernst, president of Waiters Union, local 30; Harry E. McCormick, secretary-treasurer of Construction and General Laborers Union; and John E. Stewart, secretary-treasurer of Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Among the other 16 was Thomas Ralph, of Ralph Mills & Co., a brother of late James Ralph, one-time mayor of S.F. and then governor, Ralph boldly stated:

Ralph Represents Cops

"I think Mr. Roche (police commission president) is one of the finest men I know. I rever him very greatly. I think he is a very fine citizen. Chief Quinn is a very great friend of mine, too."

The grand jurors included bankers, big business heads, realtors, bond brokers, and one woman, widow of a retired capitalist.

The woman, Mrs. Pfingst, was named secretary, and Marshall Dill, importer-exporter, was named foreman by Judge Conlan.

Ernst Knows Rice

Ernst admitted having known Harry Rice, nephew of Pete McDonough, "the fountainhead of corruption," for 20 years, and that he also knew McDonough's attorney.

Judge Conlan admitted receiving an anonymous letter, terming Ernst "absolutely unfit for this important position on account of his past and present affiliations and record."

Lesser informed the strike committee Wednesday night that he had been informed by Harry Hopkins that charges of anti-union tactics, as complained of by the strike committee were NOT the policy of the WPA. He agreed to forward complaints to William Lawson, State Administrator.

False Reporting Charged

Despite all the capitalist press "news" of the strike being over, several thousand are still out and no important jobs are working at better than half strength, even where police force is used to try to escort strikebreakers through the picket lines. According to the strike committee, "The strike is progressing according to schedule. More than 2000 of the projects are closed 100 per cent."

A mass meeting is called for Saturday at 2 p.m., April 10, at Marshall Square. The meeting is a mass protest against the attacks of the police against picket lines, carried on despite the fact that the voters of the city just approved picketing. Issues of the strike will be discussed.

Arrests

To date sixteen pickets in San Francisco have been arrested.</p

Italian Charges Against France Mask New Intervention

SOUTHERN CALIF. CONFERENCE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM HURLS DEFY TO REACTIONARIES

Many Unions and Other Progressive Groups Represented; Map Out Program for Rights of the People

LOS ANGELES—Presenting a strong challenge to forces of reaction, delegates from 40 organizations representing more than 55,000 people met together Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, in a Southern California Regional Conference against War and Fascism.

Hold under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism and attended by close to 250 persons, the meeting took place in the Studio Carpenters' Auditorium, 5164 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Unit of all forces of democracy and freedom against the common enemy fascism was the keynote of the Conference. In all the reports arising from the round table discussions held Sunday afternoon, the need for organization was stressed as the best weapon with which to defeat war and fascism.

Many Unions

In addition to strong representation of liberal and progressive groups, many trade unions were present, including the Teachers' Union; the Pharmacists' Union; the United Automobile Workers, Locals 188 and 214; the Carpenters' Union; the Painters' Union, Local 202, and the Cap Makers' Union.

Sunday afternoon, the meeting was broken up into round table discussions dealing with Labor, Spain and Neutrality, Latin-American Problems, Legislation, Youth and Education, Religious-Professional-Fraternal, and Or-ganization.

Out of these discussions, which lasted for two and a half hours, the following proposals and recommendations were brought forth:

1. From the legislative report: recommendations for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, for the outlawing of anti-picketing legislation, against compulsory arbitration in labor disputes, against the exclusion of unemployed from the State, and support of the Assembly resolution asking for a Governor's pardon for Tom Mooney.

2. From the professional report: emphasis on the necessity for the American League to go out and contact professional and religious organizations.

3. From the labor report: emphasis on the need for unity in the labor movement, between the AFL and the CIO. A greater support to be given to the organization of the unorganized, particularly in the fields of agriculture and unemployed—support of the Workers' Alliance.

4. In the report of Spain and Neutrality and Latin American Problems, resolutions were presented protesting the present American Neutrality Act and demanding that it be applied to Germany and Italy. Strong condemnation was directed to American imperialism in Latin America, and a recommendation was made that the executive committee of the League begin a campaign against Ambassadors Gibson of Brazil and Cafrey of Cuba.

5. The Youth and Education compulsory military training in report came out in opposition to schools and advocated support for the Tenny-Lord and Pellegrin-Clark bills in the legislature dealing with this subject. There was also the recommendation that the work of the National Council for Academic Freedom be more fully co-ordinated with the activities of youth in the nation's schools.

Lively enthusiasm was shown in the adoption of many of these proposals and resolutions. Further resolutions that were adopted were those protesting relief cuts, supporting the California Youth Act, condemning the use of the National Guard as a strike-breaking agency, and proposing that it be put under the control of the Legislature where a two-thirds vote would be required to call it out.

Labor Backs the Guild on U.P.

SAF FRANCISCO — In the wake of the San Francisco Labor Council's unanimous condemnation of the anti-union attitude and tactics of the United Press Association, numerous individual unions and union leaders (including the San Francisco Labor Council) have protested the ruthless tactics to which the local UP management is resorting in its efforts to destroy the Guild unit in its local bureau.

Additionally, several East Bay pastors revealed keen interest in the Northern California Newspaper Guild's efforts to protect its members of the United Press here.

Telegrams and telephone calls protesting the intimidation and discrimination to which United Pressmen here have been and are being subjected deluged local offices of the United Press and the San Francisco News and Chronicle, both UP clients.

The Puerto Ricans Want Freedom



THIRTEEN INDEPENDENCE ADVOCATES and policemen were killed at Ponce, in the U.S. island possession, when an attempt was made to disperse a demonstration. Scene from meeting which was called to protest imprisonment of eight Nationalists.

PEASANTS IN MEXICO TAKE HEARST LAND

Deception Charged in Evading Laws of Republic

CHIHUAHUA Mexico—(Exclusive to Western Worker). Opposed for decades into semi-starvation by American imperialists, peasants, during the early part of March, seized the land of wealthy land-owners throughout the state and divided it equally among the poor.

Chief among American big-business interests who hold large quantities of land in this state is William Randolph Hearst, multi-millionaire publisher of a gutter-journalism newspaper chain, who owns more than a million hectares.

Following the seizure of the land, the peasants sent out a circular to workers in the towns of Boquilla, Anexas and Temozac, Chic, explaining that despotism had compelled them to take over the land and calling up the workers for support of a cause that "cost us a blood sacrifice."

At the same time the circular calls on all workers and farmers to write to the president of the republic and secretaries of war and navy, the chief of the agrarian department and the governor of the state, requesting that guarantees be given the peasants to the right of the land, so that they can "dedicate themselves to cultivate the land peacefully."

Deception
Pointing out that when provisional possession was granted to the peasants last year certain reactionaries included only 67 peasants in the file, and left out 150, the peasants' circular charges that Hearst was instrumental in this deception.

At the same time, the circular indicates Hearst as a bloody tyrant who has time and again attempted to influence the United States Government to annex Mexico and who has belittled and ridiculed the struggles of the Mexican people.

Calif. Crippled Have Organized

OAKLAND—A crusade of destitute and totally disabled persons for adequate state aid on the basis granted to the blind and the aged has been organized by Charles A. Roberts of Oakland with the support of San Francisco Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, and posts of the Spanish War Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Many Calif. Branches
Many branches of the council for legislative aid to the disabled have been established throughout the states, with organization headquarters at 6509 Wheeler Street, Oakland.

This organization is sponsoring Assembly Bill 2205, which would provide an adequate pension for persons unable to secure normal employment because of permanent physical handicaps. The bill will shortly appear before the Assembly Committee on Public Charities and Corrections, where its fate will be decided.

Roberts, himself, struggling against paralysis of the arms and legs, has succeeded in organizing hundreds of physically handicapped.

FARMERS ARE POOR
OTTAWA—How poor are Canada's 5,000,000 farming people is seen from the fact that only 416 paid income taxes in 1936.

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Problems for the ILA, San Pedro

By JACK MOORE, Harbor Section Organizer

Next week the membership of ILA Local 38-82 are holding elections for new officers and for delegates to the various conventions. These elections are of great importance to the whole marine industry, as well as of importance to the local, because of the numerous vital issues facing Maritime labor. Therefore, every member of the ILA should understand these issues and the stand that the various candidates for office take on them.

The CIO
Many members of the ILA and of other maritime unions as well, are agitated about the Committee for Industrial Organization, advocating that the Seine Coast District should affiliate. While the intentions of these good brothers may be of the best, the effect their action would have on the CIO and on their own organization certainly would not be the most effective way to support the CIO.

This is pointed out clearly by ILA District President Harry Bridges in a pre-convention report which he made to the membership. We quote from that report, as printed in the "Voice of the Federation," April 1, 1937:

"The time is here when the ILA as a militant and democratic organization on record to support the CIO, must take a definite stand. And this stand must be taken at the coming convention.

"Through communications and a personal interview with John L. Lewis, I am fully acquainted with the program of the CIO. Premature moves, such as requesting affiliation with the CIO as local unions or district unions, etc., merely play into the hands of his opponents. The program of the CIO is against splitting the AFL, against the casting of the unions from the AFL and its various state and central bodies, and against CIO affiliation of local or district groups as yet.

"The CIO, on the other hand, requires all possible support in its fight against the reactionaries in the AFL and the determination of those AFL officials, whose record is all too well known to the workers, to sabotage the organization of workers in the mass production industries into industrial unions.

"We have the example in the ILA, the move of the AFL in conjunction with Ryan, our own international president, to split off the warehousemen from the ILA.

"In view of the above, I would recommend to the membership that the ILA district reiterate their position as pledging full support to the campaign and aims of the CIO as against the splitting tactics of the AFL leadership and actively carry on the fight in support of the CIO in all labor bodies we are affiliated with.

"I would further recommend that at the coming ILA convention we take steps to force international support for the CIO, also demanding an international referendum vote of the ILA on the question."

Another factor which the ILA members of 38-82 should con-

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THREATENING MORE DIRECT SPAIN ATTACK

Press Campaign Lays Basis for New Moves

ROME—With Italian troops already having been reliably reported as landing in Spain since the March 20 "deadline," the Italian Fascist government and press has begun a build-up to openly flout non-intervention or reassert full liberty of action.

The campaign was opened by charges in the newspaper "Giornale d'Italia" of shipments of airplanes, pistols and ammunition shipped from France or arranged through France from Vienna and Prague.

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Aside from the fact that all news in Italian papers represents government policy strictly, the "exposure" does not even charge that any such shipments were made after the March 20 deadline.

The new Italian charges and threats are not merely a threat of open mass intervention in Spain, but an excuse for intervention that was shot stopped with the "agreement" for an end to sending "volunteers" after March 20.

C. M. Attacks
Fascist Spies

MEXICO—Fascist spies in Mexico gave information leading to the capture of the munitions ship Mar Cantabrico of Spain March 8, according to AFL executive board, and the shipowners for control of their own unions.

On the success of this fight depends the future of the National Maritime Federation. If the West Coast unions should pull out and leave the East Coast men holding the sail, then they would only be weakening themselves for future struggles, when they will need East Coast support.

Therefore, it should be clear that the proposal of President Bridges is a correct one, and one which all progressives should support in the coming elections.

Political Action

At the April first meeting of the ILA, a request from the campaign committee for Draper for Council, asking for financial support, was turned down. Yet Fred Draper is the president of the San Pedro Central Labor Council! Why did the local take such a stand?

Is it not a fact that Draper's chief opponent, the incumbent Franklin P. Buyer, double-crossed the ILA and other marine unions in the last strike, when he fought for the \$45,000 appropriation to keep a large police force on the waterfront?

It is true that Draper has not been conducting a forthright campaign on labor issues; instead, he has been trying to appeal to the non-labor vote, on the theory that he has the full support of labor. The weakness of this position lies in the fact that such a campaign will not mobilize sufficiently organized labor to get to the polls and vote!

But things would have been far different if the progressives in 38-82 had lined the membership up behind a forthright program for labor's right to organize, strike and picket, for civil liberties, social security, etc. Then Draper's campaign would have reflected this sentiment and would have been far more vigorous and appealing to the membership of organized labor as a whole.

Labor's Own Program

The gains won in Seattle under the pro-labor Mayor, Dore, the repeal of the 20-year-old San Francisco anti-picketing ordinance; the passage in the State Assembly of a resolution to pardon Tom Mooney; the defeat of the Copeland Fink Book—these are just small indications of the tremendous gains which can be made when organized labor cuts

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Expulsion Threats To Advocate of Unity in Britain

LONDON—Attempting to stop the growth of united front sentiment in the British Labor Party, its leaders have issued an "ultimatum" to Sir Stafford Cripps and other leaders who have actually supported the proposal to admit the Communist Party as an affiliate.

These leaders were instructed to stop their united front activities within two months or be expelled from the Labor Party.

A capacity crowd of 3000 and an overflow of 1000 in another hall recently attended a united front meeting in Glasgow where Cripps spoke from the same platform with James Maxton, Independent Labor Party, and Harry Pollitt, general secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain.

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Prepared to make the membership believe that their differences of opinion are personal differences with the progressives. Consequently, the membership does not see clearly where their interests lie. To them, the struggle between progressives and reactionaries is only a struggle between "cliques" who want to seize control of the local.

This misunderstanding must be overcome by a united effort of all progressive forces in the ILA, who should line up a slate of candidates who will go down the line on all the basic questions facing the membership. Nor should these candidates be judged on promises alone, but by their previous records as members and officers of the local.

Progressives must not side-step this issue. They must educate the backward brothers who are still victims of boss-inspired racial prejudice, just as they educated these backward brothers to come into the union when the ILA was organizing in '33 and '34.

The Negro Question
The chauvinistic cry: "The Negroes want to chase us off the waterfront," is another example of shipowners' propaganda which must be met with a clear line by the progressives. The danger of side-stepping this issue is well illustrated by the recent experience of 38-79, when the finik Holman tried to organize Negro workers to scab, telling them that the ILA discriminated against men who happened to be born with a black skin. His attempt broke down when Negro members of 38-79 presented themselves to the fellows who had been misled by Holman and proved him a liar.

But what would happen in San Pedro, if a Los Angeles finik

Then he charged, "The only useful cargo consisted of two million dum-dum bullets," a remarkable piece of booty to remain on board after the ship had apparently been very thoroughly unloaded of other material, including the airplanes.

Itself loose from capitalist politicians and starts electing its own men, with its own program.

The need for this political action grows greater as labor organizes better economically. The Guffey-Bland Bill, in Congress, which will outlaw maritime strikes; the Biggar Bill in the California Senate, which would set up compulsory arbitration and outlaw strikes here; the Knowland Bill, passed by the California Senate, which would forbid "interference with transportation of food or medical supplies"; the recent attempt in the Los Angeles city council to make labor-hating Police Chief James E. Davis irremovable from office and unanswerable to public opinion—all these things show that labor must organize politically if it does not want the employers to take away by law what it has won on the picket line.

Therefore, the progressives should line up behind candidates who are committed to political action by the union.

For Unity of the Maritime Federation

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Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

When the wife and I came to California, in 1910, we roomed at the home of L. Gutierrez De Lara. He was a refugee from Mexico with a price on his head by order of the bloody Diaz. His wife was a native of the U. S. A.

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Report of Comrade Stalin at Plenum of Central Committee, Communist Party, U.S.S.R., March 3, 1937

The Shortcomings of Party Work and the Measures for Liquidation of Trotzkyites and Other Double Dealers

Following is the full text of the report of Comrade Joseph Stalin at the Plenum (plenary session) of the Central Committee Communist Party of the Soviet Union, March 3, 1937.

Comrades:

It can be seen from the reports and the discussion on them at the plenum that we are dealing here with the following three basic facts:

Firstly, the wrecking and divisive spying work of the agents of foreign countries, among whom the Trotzkyites played an active enough role, affected to some degree or other all or almost all our organizations, both economic, administrative and Party.

Secondly, the agents of foreign countries among the Trotzkyites penetrated not only into the lower organizations but also into some responsible positions.

Thirdly, some of our leading comrades, both in the center and in the localities, were not only unable to recognize the real faces of these wreckers, diversionists, spies and murderers, but they were so careless, complacent and naive that not infrequently they themselves assisted the agents of foreign powers to get various responsible positions.

These are three indisputable facts which naturally arise from the reports and the discussion on them.

Section 1: Political Carelessness

How can it be explained that our leading comrades, who have a rich experience of struggle against every kind of anti-Party and anti-Soviet trend, proved to be so blind and naive in this case that they were unable to recognize the real face of the enemies of the people, were unable to discern the wolves in sheep's clothing, were unable to tear the mask from them?

Can it be stated that the wrecking and divisive spying—work of the agents of foreign powers who were busy on the territory of the U.S.S.R. can be something unexpected and unprecedented for us? No, this cannot be stated. This is shown by the wrecking acts in various branches of national economy during the past ten years, starting with the Shakhty period, which are set out in official documents.

Can it be stated that we have lately had no warning signals and forewarning directives about the wrecking, spying or terroristic activity of the Trotzky-Zinovievite agents of fascism? No, this cannot be stated. There were such signals, and Bolsheviks have no right to forget them.

The foul murder of Comrade Kirov was the first serious warning showing that the enemies of the people will practice duplicity and, in doing so, will disguise themselves as Bolsheviks, as Party members, so as to worm their way into confidence and open a path for themselves into our organizations.

The trial of the "Leningrad Center," like the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial, provided new foundations for the lessons arising from the fact of the foul murder of Comrade Kirov.

The trial of the "Zinoviev-Trotzkyite

regarding the foul murder of Comrade Kirov gave a resolute warning to the Party organizations against political complacency and parochial gaping. It says in the closed letter:

"We must put an end to opportunist complacency arising from the mistaken presupposition that in proportion to the growth of our forces the enemy will grow even tamer and more inoffensive. Such a presupposition is basically wrong. It is a belch of the right deviation, which assured everyone that the enemies would quietly creep into socialism, that in the long run they would become real socialists. It is not the business of the Bolsheviks to rest on their laurels and stand around gaping."

It is not complacency that we need but vigilance, real Bolshevik revolutionary vigilance. It must be remembered that the more desperate the position of the enemies, the more willing they will be to seize on extreme measures as the only measures of doomed people in their struggle against Soviet power. We must remember this and be vigilant."

In the closed letter of July 39, 1936, regarding the spying and terroristic activity of the Trotzkyite-Zinovievite bloc, the Central Committee of the C.P.S.U. called on the Party organization to show the maximum vigilance, to be able to recognize the enemies of the people no matter how well masked. It says in the closed letter:

"Now when it has been proved that the Trotzkyite-Zinovievite scum unite all the most bitter and sworn enemies of the working people of our country—spies, agents, provocateurs, diversionists, White Guards, kulaks etc.—in the struggle against Soviet power, when every distinguishing mark has been obliterated between these elements on the one hand and the Trotzkyites and Zinovievites on the other, all our Party organizations, all members of the Party must understand that the vigilance of Communists is necessary in every field and in all situations. An indispensable quality of every Bolshevik in the present conditions must be the ability to recognize the enemy of the Party no matter how well he be masked."

So signals and warnings were given.

What did these signals and warnings call for?

They called for the liquidation of the weakness of Party organizational work and the conversion of the Party into an impregnable fortress into which not a single double-dealer could penetrate.

They called for putting a stop to the underestimation of Party political work and making a resolute turn in the direction of strengthening such work to the utmost, in the direction of strengthening political vigilance.

And what happened? The facts have shown that our comrades took in these signals and warnings with more than stiffness.

This is eloquently shown by all the facts which we know from the sphere of the campaign for verifying and exchanging Party documents.

How can it be explained that these warnings and signals did not produce the proper action?

How can it be explained that our Party comrades in spite of their experience of struggle against anti-Soviet elements, in spite of a whole series of warning signals and forewarning directives, proved to be politically short-sighted in the face of the wrecking and spying divisive work of the enemies of the people?

Is it that our Party comrades have become worse than they were before, have become less conscientious and disciplined? No, of course not.

Is it that they have begun to degenerate? Again, no. Such a supposition is completely unfounded.

Then, what is the matter? Whence arises such gaping, carelessness, complacency, blindness?

The fact is that our Party comrades, carried away by economic campaigns and by enormous successes on the front of economic construction, simply forgot some very important facts which Bolsheviks have no right to forget. They forgot one fundamental fact from the sphere of the international position of the U.S.S.R. and didn't notice two very important facts which apply directly to the present wreckers, spies, diversionists and murderers sheltering behind the Party card and disguised as Bolsheviks.

Section 2: Capitalist Encirclement

What are these facts which our Party comrades forgot, or which they simply did not notice?

They forgot that Soviet power has conquered only one-sixth of the world, that five-sixths of the world are in the possession of capitalist powers. They forgot that the Soviet Union is in the conditions of capitalist encirclement. It is an accepted thing to talk loosely about capitalist encirclement, but people do not want to ponder upon what sort of a thing this capitalist encirclement is.

Capitalist encirclement—that is no empty phrase, that is a very real and unpleasant

feature. Capitalist encirclement means that here is one country, the Soviet Union, which has established the socialist order on its own territory and besides this there are many countries, bourgeois countries, which continue to carry on a capitalist mode of life and which surround the Soviet Union, waiting for an opportunity to attack it, break it, or at any rate to undermine its power and weaken it.

Our comrades forgot this fundamental fact. But it is that precisely which determines the basis of relations between the capitalist encirclement and the Soviet Union.

Take for example the bourgeois states. Simple minded people may think that ex-

bourgeois state?

It is not clear that as long as capitalist encirclement exists there will be wreckers, spies, diversionists and murderers in our country sent behind our lines by the agents of foreign states?

Our Party comrades forgot about all this, and having forgotten were caught unaware.

This is why the spying and divisive work of the Trotzkyite agents of the Japanese and German secret police was completely unexpected by some of our comrades.

Section 3: Present-Day Trotzkyism

To proceed. In carrying on a struggle against the Trotzkyite agents, our Party comrades did not notice, they overlooked the fact that present-day Trotzkyism is no longer what it was, let us say, seven or eight years ago; that Trotzkyism and the Trotzkyites have passed through a serious evolution in this period which has utterly changed the face of Trotzkyism; that in view of this the struggle against Trotzkyism and the method of struggle against it must also be utterly changed. Our Party comrades did not notice Trotzkyism has ceased to be a political trend in the working class, that it has changed from the political trend in the working class which it was seven or eight years ago, into a frantic and unprincipled gang of wreckers, diversionists, spies and murderers acting on the instructions of the intelligence service of foreign states.

What is a political trend in the working class? A political trend in the working class is a group of a party which has its own definite political face, platform and program, which does not and cannot hide its views from the working class, but on the contrary, openly and honestly carries on propaganda for its views in full view of the working class, does not fear to show its political face to the working class, does not notice that the Trotzkyites have long since ceased to be people devoted to an idea, that the Trotzkyites have long since turned into highway robbers, capable of any foulness, capable of all that is disgusting, to the point of espionage and the outright betrayal of their country, if only they can harm the Soviet government and Soviet power. They did not notice this and were therefore unable to reconstruct themselves in time to wage battle against the Trotzkyites in a new and more regular manner.

Such is the indisputable result of the evolution of Trotzkyism in the past seven or eight years.

Such is the difference between Trotzkyism in the past and Trotzkyism at the present time.

The mistake of our Party comrades is that they did not notice this profound difference between Trotzkyism in the past and Trotzkyism at the present time. They did not notice that the Trotzkyites have long since ceased to be people devoted to an idea, that the Trotzkyites have long since turned into highway robbers, capable of any foulness, capable of all that is disgusting, to the point of espionage and the outright betrayal of their country, if only they can harm the Soviet government and Soviet power. They did not notice this and were therefore unable to reconstruct themselves in time to wage battle against the Trotzkyites in a new and more regular manner.

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To proceed. Finally, our Party comrades did not notice that there is an important difference between the present-day wreckers and diversionists on the one hand, among whom the Trotzkyite agents of fascism play "an active part," and the wreckers and diversionists of the time of the Shakhty trial on the other hand.

In the first place, the "Shakhty" and "Industrial Party" wreckers were people openly alien to us. They were in greater part former owners of factories, former managers for the old employers, former shareholders of the old joint stock companies, or simple bourgeois specialists who were openly hostile to us politically. None of our people had any doubt about the authenticity of the political fate of these gentlemen. And the Shakhty wreckers themselves did not conceal this distaste for the Soviet system.

The same cannot be said of the present-day wreckers and diversionists, the Trotzkyites. The present-day wreckers and diversionists, the Trotzkyites, are mostly Party people with a Party card in their pocket, and consequently people who formally are not alien to us. Whereas the old wreckers went against our people, the new wreckers on the contrary, cringe to our people, laud them, lick their boots, in order to worm their way into their confidence. As you see, the difference is essential.

Then what is the matter?

The matter is that our Party comrades have been totally absorbed in economic work in recent years, have been engrossed to the limit in economic success, and being engrossed in all these things, forgot about all else, threw aside all else.

The matter is that being carried away by economic success they began to regard this as the beginning and the end of everything, and simply gave up paying attention to such things as the international position of the Soviet Union, capitalist encirclement, strengthening of the political work of the Party, struggle against wrecking, etc., supposing all these questions to be second-rate and even third-rate matters.

Successes and achievements are of course a great thing. Our successes in the sphere of socialist construction are truly enormous.

But successes, like everything else under the sun, have their seamy side. Among people who are not very skilled in politics big successes and big achievements not

are empty windbags and mere tyros from the point of view of technical training. In this case, what does the strength of Pyatakov, Radek and Sokolnikov.

Naturally the Trotzkyites could not but hide such a platform from the people, from the working class. And they did it not only from the working class but also from the Trotzkyite rank and file, and not only from the Trotzkyite rank and file but even from the leading group of the Trotzkyites, consisting of a small handful of 30 or 40 people. When Radek and Pyatakov asked Trotzky's permission to call a small conference, 30 or 40 people, to inform them of the character of this platform, Trotzky forbade them, saying it was inexpedient to talk of the real nature of the platform even to a small group of Trotzkyites as such an "operation" might cause a split.

"Political figures" hiding their views and their platform not only from the working class but also from the Trotzkyite rank and file, and not only from the Trotzkyite rank and file, but from the leading group of Trotzkyites—such is the face of present-day Trotzkyism.

But it follows from this that present-day Trotzkyism can no longer be called a political trend in the working class.

Present-day Trotzkyism is not a political trend in the working class but a gang without principle, without ideas, of wreckers, diversionists, intelligence service agents, spies, murderers, a gang of sworn enemies of the working class, working in the pay of the intelligence service of foreign states.

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The Party card gives them political trust and opens the doors of all our institutions to them.

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The Shortcomings of Party Work and the Measures for Liquidation of Trotzkyites and Other Double Dealers

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infrequently give rise to carelessness, complacency, self-satisfaction, overweening self-confidence, swell-headedness and bragging. You cannot deny that braggarts have lately developed among us tremendously. It is not surprising in these circumstances of big and serious successes in the sphere of socialist construction that feelings of boastfulness are created, feelings of showy demonstration of our successes, and feelings are created for underestimating the strength of our enemies, and feeling of overestimation of our own strength, and as a result of all this, political blindness appears.

I must here say a few words about the dangers connected with successes, about the dangers connected with achievements.

We know by experience of the dangers connected with difficulties. For a number of years we have been fighting against such kinds of dangers and I must say not without success. Among people who are not staunch, dangers connected with difficulties not infrequently give rise to downcast feelings, distrust in their own forces, feelings of pessimism. And, on the contrary, when it is a matter of fighting against the dangers which arise from difficulties, people are tempered in this struggle and emerge from the struggle really granite Bolsheviks.

Such is the nature of the dangers connected with difficulties. Such are the results of overcoming difficulties.

But there is another kind of danger, the danger connected with successes, the danger connected with achievements. Yes, yes, comrades, dangers connected with successes, with achievements. These dangers consist in the fact that among people little skilled in politics and not having seen much, the conditions of successes—success after success, achievement after achievement, the overfulfillment of plans after the overfulfillment of plans—gives rise to feelings of carelessness and self-satisfaction, creates an atmosphere of showy triumphs and mutual congratulations which kill the sense of proportion and dull political instinct, take the spring out of people and impel them to rest on their laurels.

It is not surprising that in this narcotic atmosphere of swell-headedness and self-satisfaction, this atmosphere of showy demonstrations and loud self-praise, people forget some essential facts which are of first grade significance for the fate of our country; people begin to miss seeing such unpleasant facts as capitalist encirclement, the new forms of wrecking, the dangers connected with our successes, etc.

Capitalist encirclement? A mere bagatelle! What significance can some capitalist encirclement or other have if we fulfill and surpass our economic plans? The new forms of wrecking, the struggle against Trotzkyism? Mere details! What significance can all these trifles have when we fulfill and surpass our economic plans? The Party statutes, the election of Party organs, the reporting of Party leaders to the mass of the Party members? Is there really any need for all this? Is it worth while worrying about all these trifles at all if our economy grows and the material situation of the workers and peasants becomes ever better and better? Mere details! We overfulfill the plans, our Party is not bad, the Central Committee of the Party is also not bad—what else do we need? They are funny people sitting there in Moscow in the Central Committee of the Party. They have some kind of questions, talk about some wreckings or other, don't sleep, then, and don't let other people sleep...

This is an example plain to see of how easily and "simply" some of our inexperienced comrades are infected with political blindness as the result of a dizzying rapture in economic successes.

Such are the dangers connected with successes, with achievements.

Such are the reasons why our Party comrades are carried away by economic successes, have forgotten facts of an international and internal character which are of real importance for the Soviet Union, and have not noticed a whole series of damages surrounding our country.

Such are the roots of our carelessness, forgetfulness, complacency and political blindness.

Such are the roots of the shortcomings in our economic and Party work.

Section 5:

Our Tasks

How are we to liquidate the shortcomings in our work?

What must be done in order to do this? It is necessary to carry out the following measures:

1.—First and foremost, the attention of our Party comrades who get bogged down in "current questions" in one department or another must be turned towards the big political questions of both international and internal character.

2.—The political work of our Party must be raised to the proper level, making the main task that of the political training and

Bolshevik steeling of the Party Soviet and economic cadres.

3.—It should be explained to our Party comrades that the economic successes, the significance of which is undoubtedly very great and which we shall also strive for in the future day after day, year after year, are nevertheless not the whole of our socialist construction.

It should be explained that the seamy sides connected with economic successes and expressed in self-satisfaction, in carelessness, in the political deadening of political intuition, can be liquidated only if economic successes are combined with the successes of Party construction and the developed political work of our Party.

It should be explained that economic successes themselves, their stability and durability, wholly and fully depend on the successes of Party organizational and Party political work; that without this condition economic successes may prove to be built on sand.

4.—It should be remembered and never forgotten that as long as capitalist encirclement exists there will be wreckers, diversionists, spies, terrorists, sent behind the frontiers of the Soviet Union by the intelligence services of foreign states; this should be remembered and a struggle should be carried on against those comrades who underestimate the significance of the fact of capitalist encirclement, who underestimate the strength and significance of wrecking.

It should be explained to our Party comrades that no economic successes whatsoever, no matter how great they are, can annul the fact of capitalist encirclement and the results arising therefrom.

The necessary measures must be taken to give our comrades, both Party and non-Party Bolsheviks, the possibility of getting acquainted with the aims and tasks, with the practice and technique of the wrecking, diversionist, and espionage work of the foreign intelligence services.

5.—It should be explained to our Party comrades that the Trotzkyites, who represent the active elements in the diversionist, wrecking and espionage work of the foreign intelligence services, have already long ceased to be a political trend in the working class, that they have already long ceased to serve any idea compatible with the interests of the working class, that they have turned into a gang of wreckers, diversionists, spies, assassins without principles and ideas, working for the foreign intelligence services.

It should be explained that in the struggle against contemporary Trotzkyism, not old methods, the methods of discussion, must be used, but new methods, methods of smashing and uprooting it.

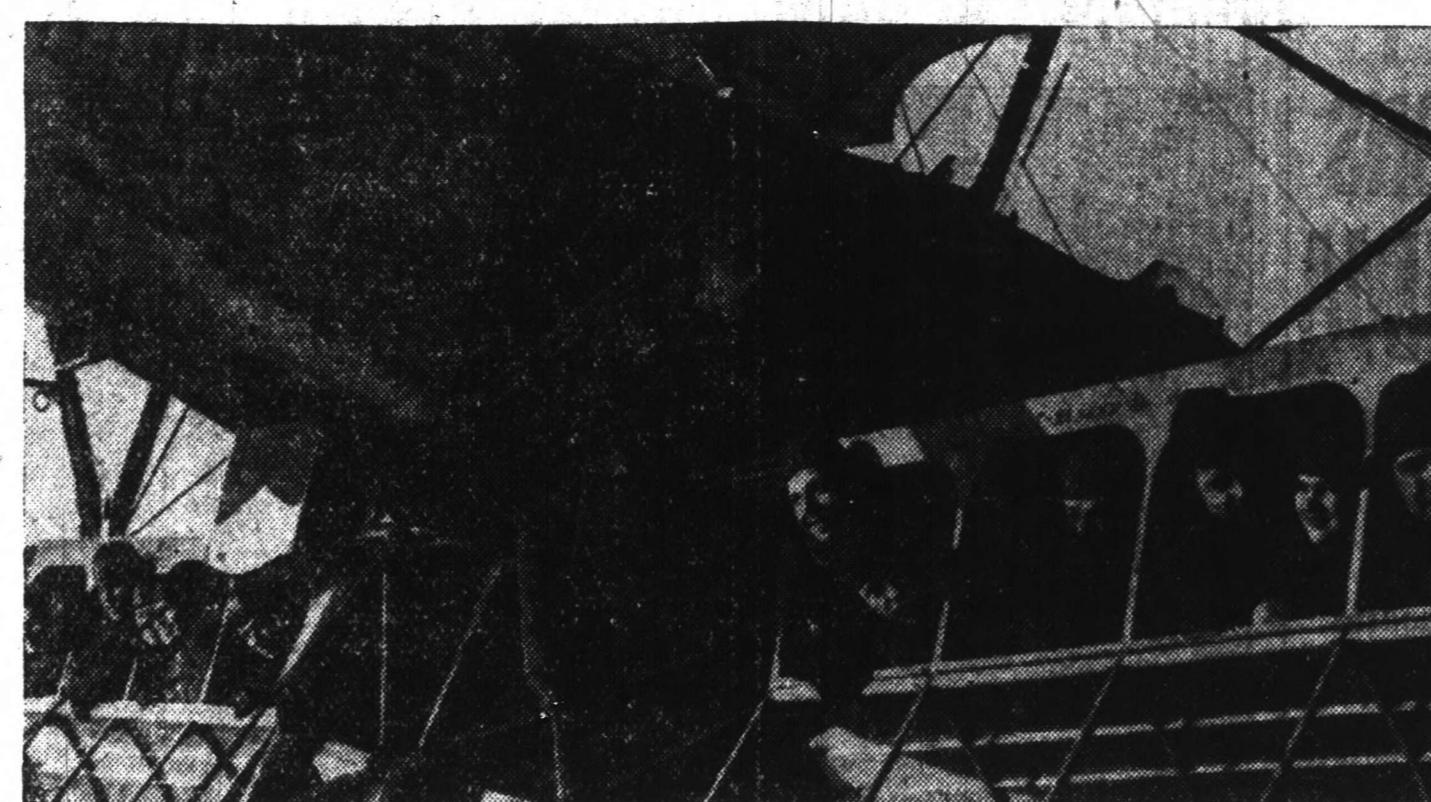
6.—The difference between the present-day wreckers and the wreckers of the "Shakhi" period should be explained to our Party comrades. It should be explained to them that whereas the wreckers of the Shakhi period misled our people in the sphere of technique, utilizing their technical backwardness, the present-day wreckers with a Party card in their possession deceive our people by utilizing the political rust shown towards them as Party members, utilizing the political carelessness of people.

To the old slogan of the mastery of techniques which corresponded to the Shakhi period there must be added the new slogan calling for the political training of our cadres, the mastery of Bolshevism and the liquidation of our political trustfulness, a slogan which fully corresponds to the present period we are now passing through.

The question may be asked: Was it not possible ten years ago, at the time of the Shakhi period to advance both slogans simultaneously; i.e., the first slogan regarding the mastery of techniques and the second slogan regarding the political training of "cadres"? No, it was not possible. Things are not done that way in the Bolshevik Party. At the turning points of the revolutionary movement, some basic slogan is always advanced as the key slogan in order, by catching on to it, to draw in the whole chain. That is what Lenin taught us: find the main link in the chain of our work, lay hold of it, draw it in, in order through it to draw in the whole chain and go forward. The history of the revolutionary movement shows that this is the only correct tactic.

In the Shakhi period, the weakness of our people lay in their technical backwardness. Technical questions and not political ones were our weak spots at that time. As far as our political attitude towards wreckers of that time was concerned, it was perfectly clear that it was the attitude of Bolsheviks towards politically alien people. We liquidated this, technical weakness of ours by advancing the slogan regarding the mastery of technique and by educating tens and hundreds of thousands of technically steelied Bolshevik cadres during the past period.

It is a different question now when we



One of latest accomplishments in Soviet aviation, a plane whose wing seats passengers

have technically developed Bolshevik cadres and when the part of wreckers is played not by openly alien people in possession of technical superiority over our own people, but by people in possession of Party membership cards and enjoying all the rights of Party membership. The weakness from which our people suffer now is not technical backwardness, but political carelessness, blind faith in people who have come by chance into possession of Party membership cards, the failure to check up on people not according to the political declarations they make, but according to the results of the work they do. The key question now facing us is not the liquidation of the technical backwardness of our cadres, for in the main this has already been done, but the liquidation of the political carelessness and political trustfulness in wreckers who have by chance obtained possession of Party membership cards.

Such is the fundamental difference between the key question in respect to the struggle for cadres in the period of the Shakhi days and the key question of the present period.

That is why ten years ago we could and should not have issued both the slogans together, namely, the one regarding the mastery of technique and the one regarding the political training of cadres.

This is why the old slogan of the mastery of technique must now be supplemented by the new slogan of the mastery of Bolshevism, the political training of cadres and the liquidation of our political carelessness.

7.—We must destroy and cast aside the rotten theory that with every advance we make the class struggle here of necessity would die down more and more, and that in proportion as we achieve successes the class enemy would become more and more tractable.

This is not only a rotten theory but a dangerous one, for it lulls our people, leads them into a trap, and makes it possible for the class enemy to rally for the struggle against the Soviet Government.

On the contrary, the further forward we advance, the greater the successes we achieve, the greater will be the fury of the remnants of the broken exploiting classes, the sooner will they resort to sharper forms of struggle, the more will they seek to harm the Soviet State and the more will they clutch at the most desperate means of struggle, as the last resort of doomed people.

It should be borne in mind that the remnants of the broken classes in the U.S.S.R. are not alone. They have the direct support of our enemies beyond the bounds of the U.S.S.R. It would be a mistake to think that the sphere of the class struggle is limited to the bounds of the U.S.S.R. while one end of the class struggle has its operation within the bounds of the U.S.S.R., its other stretches to the bounds of the bourgeois states surrounding us. The remnants of the broken classes cannot but be aware of this. And precisely because they are, they will continue their desperate assaults in the future.

This is what history teaches us. This is what Leninism teaches us.

We must remember all this and be on our guard.

8.—We must destroy and cast aside another rotten theory according to which the individual who is not always engaged in wrecking and who even occasionally shows successes in his work cannot be a wrecker.

This strange theory exposes the naivete of its authors. No wrecker will engage in wrecking all along the line if he wants to avoid being exposed in the shortest possible time. On the contrary, the real wrecker has from time to time shown successes in his work, for this is his only means of keeping himself going as a wrecker, of winning the confidence of people and of continuing his wrecking work.

I think that this question is clear and requires no further explanation.

9.—We must destroy and cast aside the third rotten theory, to the effect that the

remnants of the smashed exploiting classes in the U.S.S.R. They consist of a whole number of groups and organizations beyond the bounds of the U.S.S.R. and hostile to the Soviet Union.

Take for example, the Trotzkyite counter-revolutionary Fourth International, two-thirds of which is made up of spies and subversive agents. Isn't this a reserve? Is it not clear that this international of spies will select forces to do the spying and wrecking work of the Trotzkyites?

Or take for example the group of the rascal Sheflio in Norway, who provided a haven for the arch-spy Trotzky and helped him to do harm to the Soviet Union. Isn't this a reserve? Can it be denied that that this counter-revolutionary group will continue in the future to render services to the Trotzkyite spies and wreckers?

Or take for example the Souvarine group in France, a group of rascals like Sheflio. Isn't this a reserve? Can it be denied that this group of scoundrels will also help the Trotzkyites in their espionage and wrecking work against the Soviet Union?

All these ladies and gentlemen from Germany, all the Ruth Fischers, Maslovs and Urbans who have sold themselves body and soul to the fascists—aren't they reserves for the espionage and wrecking work of the Trotzkyites?

Or take for example the well-known gang of American writers headed by the notorious racketeer Eastman, all these gangsters of the pen who live by slandering the working class of the Soviet Union—aren't they reserves for Trotzkyism?

No, the rotten theory that the Trotzkyites are mustering their last forces must be cast aside.

12.—Finally, we must destroy and cast aside still another rotten theory to the effect that since we Bolsheviks are many while the wreckers are few; since we Bolsheviks have the support of tens of millions of people while the Trotzkyite wreckers can be numbered in tens and units, then we Bolsheviks can afford to pay no attention to such a handful of wreckers.

This is incorrect, comrades. This more than strange theory has been invented so as to bring solace to certain of our leading comrades who have failed in their work by reason of their inability to carry on a struggle against the wrecking, to pull their vigilance and to make it possible for them to sleep in peace.

It is, of course, true that the Trotzkyite wreckers have the support of isolated individuals, while the Bolsheviks have the support of tens of millions of people. But it by no means follows from this that the wreckers are no able to inflict very serious damage on us. It does not at all need a big number of people to do harm and to cause damage. Tens of thousands of workers have to be set to work to build a Dniprostroy, but it requires not more than a dozen men to blow it up. Several Red Army corps may be necessary to win a battle during war time. But it only needs a few spies somewhere in the army headquarters or even in a divisional staff to steal the plan of operations and pass it on to the enemy for this gain to be lost. Thousands of people are required to build a big railway bridge, but a few people are sufficient to blow it up. Tens and hundreds of such examples could be quoted.

Consequently we must not comfort ourselves with the fact that we are many, while they, the Trotzkyite wreckers, are few.

We must bring about a situation where there is not a single Trotzkyite wrecker left in our ranks.

This is how the matter stands with the question of how to liquidate the shortcomings in our work, common to all our organizations, economic and Soviet administrative and Party. Such are the measures necessary for the liquidation of these shortcomings.

As regards the Party organizations in particular and the defects in their work, the measures necessary to liquidate these shortcomings are stated in sufficient detail in the draft resolution submitted for your consideration. I therefore think there is no need to enlarge here on this aspect of the work.

It is not clear that the Stakhanov movement itself is in need of our effective aid against all the various machinations of the wreckers so as to speed things on and to fulfill its great mission? Is it not clear that the struggle against wrecking, for its liquidation, and the gaining of the upper hand over wrecking is the necessary condition for the Stakhanov movement to blossom out to the full?

I think that this question is also clear and is in no need for further comment.

11.—We must destroy and cast aside the fifth rotten theory to the effect that the Trotzkyite wreckers possess no more reserves, that they are mustering their last reserves.

This is untrue, comrades. Only naive people could invent such a theory. The Trotzkyite wreckers have their reserves. These consist first and foremost of the Party's corps of generals.

How do things stand with regard to the leading forces of our Party?

In our Party, if we have in mind its leading strata, there are about 3,000 to 4,000 first rank leaders whom I would call our Party's corps of generals.

Then there are 30,000 to 40,000 middle rank leaders who are our Party corps of officers.

Then there are about 100,000 to 150,000 of the lower rank Party command staff who are, so to speak, our Party's non-commissioned officers.

The task is to raise the ideological level and political vigor of these command cadres and to introduce among them fresh forces awaiting promotion, and thus expand the ranks of our leading forces.

What does this require?

First and foremost, we must make the proposal to our Party leaders beginning with secretaries of our Party units to the secretaries of regional and republican Party organizations to select, during a definite period, two individuals, two Party functionaries each capable of being able to act as their effective deputies.

The question may be asked: Where are we to get these two deputies for each one, if we have no such people, no workers who correspond to these requirements? This is incorrect, comrades. We have tens of thousands of capable and talented people. It only needs to know them and to promote them in time so that they should not remain in their old places too long and begin to rot. Seek and ye shall find.

Further, four-month "Party Courses" must be established in each regional center to give secretaries of units Party training and to re-equip them. The secretaries of all primary Party organizations (units) should be sent to these courses and then when they finish them and return home their deputies and the most capable members of the primary Party organizations should be sent to these courses.

Further, to re-equip politically the first secretaries of the district organizations eight-month "Lenin Courses" must be established in the U.S.S.R., in say, ten of the most important centers.

The first secretaries of the district and regional Party organizations should be sent to these courses, and then when they finish them and return home their deputies and the most capable members of the district and regional Party organizations sent there.

Further, six-month "Courses for the Study of History and the Party's Policy" under the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union must be set up to achieve the ideological re-equipment and political improvement of secretaries of the town Party organizations. The first and the second secretaries of town organizations should be sent to these courses and then when they have finished them and returned home the most capable members of the town Party organizations should be sent there.

Finally, a six-month "Conference on Questions of Internal and International Policy," under the Central Committee of the C.P. S.U. must be established.

The first secretaries of divisional and provincial organizations and the Central Committees of the national Communist Parties should be sent here. These comrades should provide not one but several persons really capable of replacing the leaders of the Central Committee of our Party. This should and must be done.

I conclude, comrades. We have thus outlined the main defects in our work, including those which are common to all organizations, economic, administrative and Party, and also those which are specifically peculiar to Party organizations—defects made use of by the enemies of the working class for their diversionist and wrecking, espionage and terrorist work.

We have further outlined the chief measures to be taken to render harmless and liquidate the divisive, wrecking, espionage and terrorist assaults of the Trotzkyite fascists agents of the foreign intelligence service.

The question arises: Can we carry through all these measures, do we possess all the necessary possibilities for this?

Undoubtedly we can. We can, because we have at our disposal all the means necessary for the realization of these measures.

What do we lack?

We lack only one thing: readiness to liquidate our own carelessness, our own complacency, our own political shortsightedness.

There is the rub. Cannot we who have overthrown capitalism, in the main built socialism, and raised aloft the great banner of world Communism, get rid of this ridiculous and idiotic disease?

We have no reason to doubt that we shall certainly get rid of it, given, of course, that we will. We will get rid of it, not just in an ordinary manner but in a Bolshevik fashion, in a real fashion. And when we get rid of this idiotic disease, we can say with complete confidence that we fear no enemies from within or without, we fear none of their assaults,

Story by Worker Plays Big Role in Petaluma Unions—Alaska Cannery Union News

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Workers' Alliance Puts Stop to April Fool's "Joke"

ALASKA UNION BACKS STRIKE ON WPA IN S. F.

Report Negotiations With Packers Show Progress

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—A committee of striking WPA workers, headed by Ben Legere, of the American Federation of Govt. Employees and chairman of the Joint Strike Committee, addressed a large gathering of Alaska Cannery Workers at the regular membership meeting last Sunday, April 4.

Brother Legere very ably made strike action necessary. He then spoke on the important role of the AFGE and the Workers' Alliance played in the last maritime strike, how they helped make it impossible to recruit strikebreakers from unemployed and WPA workers, and how a joint committee of WPA workers and Maritime Relief Committee forced the authorities to provide relief for all maritime strikers.

Union Votes Financial Aid
In concluding, he made a stirring plea for support, financial and on the picket lines.

President Woolf informed Legere we had beaten him to the draw, as a motion was passed at executive committee meeting that we donate \$100 immediately and another \$100 on departure of the first ship to Alaska. The motion was to come before the general assembly for disposition (the first ship is due to leave April 8 or 9).

Later, the WPA question carried unanimously.

Breach of Union Principles
A brother accused of walking through a picket line is to be brought before the investigating committee. It is a breach of something or other to walk through a picket line, among the best of canning circles, so Alaska cannery workers take note.

Five dollars was voted the Cannery and Agricultural Convention to be held in Bakersfield later in April. Brother George Woolf, elected at a previous convention in S. F., will preside as acting state chairman.

Better Conditions Won
In a report of negotiations, progress was the keynote. All questions regarding conditions in ships and canneries are practically agreed upon (showers, bunks, sanitary conditions in general). The question of food quality, etc.) was settled satisfactorily.

Only major issue left is wages, and even here progress is reported. The packers have offered a general 10 per cent increase over last year's total average earnings.

Not bad, eh boys?

No Wonder Wilbur Fights Cal. Youth Act; He's Rich

By a Worker Correspondent
PALO ALTO—Unemployed youth, Stanford University scholarship students and all progressive students now know why Bay Lyman Wilbur, president of the university board of trustees, announced himself as seeing no need for the California Youth Act, now before the State Legislature.

The opposition to this aid to California's needy youth by Wilbur, former member of Hoover's cabinet and a director of the open-shop "Better America Federation" of Los Angeles, is nicely explained by those who found out today that Wilbur has just made a \$60,000 investment by purchasing the Durcuet Furniture Co. building at 424 University Ave., Palo Alto.

No wonder Adron A. Beene, Republican assemblyman from here, voted against the Mooney pardon resolution, since Beene recently told the citizens here that when in doubt on how to vote, he always asked "Al" Roth, president of the Waterfront Employers' Assn. and former Stanford compiler, and Dr. Wilbur for their advice.

Walnut Grove School Children Strike

WALNUT GROVE, Sacramento County—Students of Walnut Grove Oriental Grammar School are back in their classes after a 15-minute strike for dismissal of Principal Woodbury. They protested sending home of 12 children who left class to see an airplane which landed near the school.

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Farmer Raps at Bankers

TRICKS CAN'T STOP UNIONS IN PETALUMA

'Western' Plays Big Role in Union Organizing

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA—The paper of the so-called Associated Farmers of California opens its mouth and puts its foot in it again, about the organization of the agricultural workers, inferring that organizers are only looking for soft jobs.

These parasites can only understand graft and connivance. They and their ilk helped to frame Pat Chambers, Albert Houghard and other organizers in Sacramento.

They weep a lot of crocodile tears for the poor farmer who is being influenced by the Reds. They try to cite history.

History Proves C. P. Position

History proves there were Tories during the American Revolution, that there has always been a class struggle, that the Communists are builders, not wreckers, that the Communists will fight to make agriculture a decent industry to work in, that the Criminal Syndicalism law does not apply to the Communist Party.

There Are REAL Unions Now

The writer of the editorial

purposely infers that the meeting at the Poultry Producers Hall was the only meeting which took place, thereby denying that the workers were organizing into the Teamsters and Warehousemen's unions.

So that he will quit worrying about the possibility of the workers organizing and be able to sleep peacefully, he should be informed that they have already done so to a major extent, so there is no longer any question as to whether there will be unions in the feed mills.

The above mentioned liberal paint peels off about as fast as it is smeared on because of the growing militancy of the workers. An instance in point is the strike at the Bodega Cooperative Creamery. This liberal (?) cooperative answered the workers' demands by a lockout, and some of the more reactionary elements among the directors precipitated a fight with the workers, one of whom was later arrested, assertedly for assault and battery.

"Western" Does the Trick

This arrest was a move to try to discredit the locked-out workers, most of whom are members of the coop. The whole membership is beginning to see how their cooperative movement is being made a part of the reactionary monopoly hookup by their bureaucratic board of directors.

The exposure of these demagogues by the Western Worker has aided tremendously in the unionization of the workers—showing them who is really interested in sabotaging this organizational campaign.

Some of the vigilante-minded reactionaries have been trying to put the finger on the militants in the new unions, intimating that they are the worker correspondents for the Western Worker.

Workers Not Fooled
This reactionary splitting tactic hasn't fooled more than a very few of the workers, though!

The only criticism so far voiced by any worker has been that the McNear interests were not among those listed in the Western Worker.

McNear is an open anti-unionist whom everyone knows as such, and any activity directed at organizing the McNear plants would not be liable to the confusion that exists where the workers are not sure of the bosses' position. McNear will openly oppose and fight the unions, according to reports, whereas subterfuge and trickery are the weapons of the demagogues written about in the previous articles.

Alleged Leader Is Right!
The crowning insult to every decent worker and union man is the fact that such an abortion should come from the alleged leader of an old and respected craft union, one that has always been in the front of the struggle for better wages and conditions.

Showing the extent to which this bankrupt leadership will go, this so-called leader, Wharton, has gone in with a labor-hating and union-busting organization that is in the same class as the infamous Pinkertons and Burns scab-herders.

Police Capt. Brown Again Uses Club On E. Bay Picket

By a Worker Correspondent
OAKLAND—That Capt. Thorvald Brown, Eastern police station, keeps his job through political influence is indicated by his latest brutality. Last week, a National Motor Bearing Co. picket crossed a street on his way to picket duty and passed Capt. Brown, the cop viciously thrust his club twice in the worker's stomach. When the picket finally regained his wind, Capt. Brown ordered him off the street, one block from the plant.

Redouble Aid!

In response to a direct appeal received from Esteban Vega, general secretary of the International Labor Defense of Spain, the International Labor Defense called on all its members and friends to redouble their energies in collecting medical aid for the defenders of democracy in Spain.

Unemployed Union Quickly Turned This Joke Inside Out!



PHOTO BY WORKER CORRESPONDENT.

THE TWO LONG BEACH capitalist newspapers refused to print this picture of the eviction of this militant mother and her two children, but Workers' Alliance member knew that the "Western" would be more than glad to print it. Photo shows Mrs. Margaret Hallmark and her two children, aged 7 and 9, with Lauretta Adams (right), a Workers' Alliance organizer. See adjoining story for details as to how the Alliance grievance committee functioned for this mother and her children.

W. W. IS 'BEST IN WEST,' TO YUMA WORKER

Pledges to Do His Part to Secure New Readers

By a Worker Correspondent

YUMA, Ariz.—There are many publications in America today fighting for higher wages and better living conditions for the workers, but most of these publications are for only one group of workers.

But the best of these west of the Rocky Mountains is the Western Worker, which leads the fight for the united front of all liberal groups against the greedy capitalist system which stops at nothing to reach its goals of profit.

The Western Worker fights all groups, laws, companies or individuals harmful to the laboring class, common worker, or white-collar worker. It is behind every movement which has for its purpose the bettering of conditions for the worker, whether higher wages, shorter hours, better living conditions, or merely for a stronger union.

For Labor to the Last Ditch

The Western Worker is soul and body against police terrorism, or any other kind of intimidation. It is against war and fascism the world over.

To me, the Western Worker upholds everything that is good, and abhors everything that is bad or unjust; it is the balance that weighs the just and unjust; it divides the sheep from the goats (wolves) and fights said wolves to the last ditch.

Some of the vigilante-minded reactionaries have been trying to put the finger on the militants in the new unions, intimating that they are the worker correspondents for the Western Worker.

Workers Not Fooled
This reactionary splitting tactic hasn't fooled more than a very few of the workers, though!

The only criticism so far voiced by any worker has been that the McNear interests were not among those listed in the Western Worker.

McNear is an open anti-unionist whom everyone knows as such, and any activity directed at organizing the McNear plants would not be liable to the confusion that exists where the workers are not sure of the bosses' position. McNear will openly oppose and fight the unions, according to reports, whereas subterfuge and trickery are the weapons of the demagogues written about in the previous articles.

Box Workers Still Strike at Feather River Lumber Co.

By a Worker Correspondent
PLUMAS COUNTY—Regarding the strike situation here, the Feather River Lumber Co. claims its box factory is shut down on account of shortage of orders and dry lumber, and has agreed verbally to recognize the union as soon as the factory starts operations.

But the real fact remains, the box factory was shut down after a complete walkout of employees, on strike, and the company is just trying to starve the strikers out.

Path of Depression

In 1930 there were 406 attempts recorded; in 1931, 414. In 1932 some 671 tried to take their own lives; the number jumped to 863 in 1933 and to 917 in 1934. In 1935 the top was reached at 1344.

Last year the number dropped to almost half that figure—784, and this year the average has been 70 a month.

Growth of the Workers' Alliance and the trade unions has had a lot to do with this drop.

Redouble Aid!
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Get Your 'WESTERN' DAY Entry In!

Yuma Housewife Wears Old Coats to Buy Paper

By a Worker Correspondent

YUMA, Ariz.—As you may know, it very seldom rains here in our section, but the other day we had a record-breaker which caused our postman to be delayed with the mail so much that when he finally arrived, we were sitting down to our noon meal—well, right there I had to leave my dinner and read the important headlines, while some fortunate flies tried to carry off at least part of said dinner.

1. Your entry is a letter to the Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, telling in plain words and facts what the "Western" means to you and your fellow workers in factory, dock, ship, farm or neighborhood.

2. Letters must have name and address of writer, but names and addresses will NOT be published.

3. Letters may be written as long as you please, but may be condensed for publication.

4. Letters must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, to be eligible.

Jobless Sitdown Strike Wins Out in Long Beach

By an Unemployed Worker

LONG BEACH—The Workers' Alliance grievance committee conducted a five-hour sitdown strike here last week at the 9th St. and Pine Ave. SERA office, when a number of workers had not received relief checks for two or three weeks, and one worker had been getting progressively smaller checks.

"Some persons who have failed to get their checks are at the point of desperation," declared Mrs. Nina M. McNamee, financial secretary of the Alliance Local 1.

Emergency Food Orders Won
While on the sitdown strike, the committee supported a young married man, Lekoy Archaeta, 297 West 2nd St., San Pedro, who had missed two checks with the result his baby had had no milk for a week. SERA heads called the cops and Archaeta was kicked out of the office, although he was orderly.

The sitdown won emergency food orders for a number of those who hadn't received checks.

Members of the grievance committee included Mrs. McNamee, Oliver Seely, Wm. Jarvis, Jack Dyer and M. W. Willett.

How One Worker Correspondent is Building W. W.

By a Worker Correspondent

GIRARD, L. A. County—While I was reading your letter, a sympathizer from Glendale came along. He is a radio bug, so I said: "Look here, they are going to print a radio story I sent to the Western Worker. You will want to read it because it is about some of your friends and enemies. And how about selling some copies?"

"Okay," sez he, "send me five." And he plunked down 15 cents, which I enclose with 15 cents for five copies for me.

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JOBLESS UNION COMMITTEE ON JOB TO PUT EVICTED MOTHER BACK IN HOME IN LONG BEACH

Cheated Out of WPA Job, Mrs. Hallmark Finds Alliance Long Beach Local Is Real Weapon for Jobless

LONG BEACH—Sheriff's deputies evicted Margaret Hallmark, deserted mother of two children aged 7 and 9, on April 1 in Long Beach.

Mrs. Hallmark was entitled to be made head of the family and given a WPA work order when her husband left her nine months ago. Instead she was classed as unemployable and placed on the miserable dole of the L. A. Bureau of Indigent Relief.

Typical Trickery
She borrowed \$15 from a friend to rent a house (the county will not give any rent allowance until a house has been actually rented), and when the rent check arrived, the landlady told the county case worker that Mrs. Hallmark had already paid her rent, whereupon the county charities department promptly cancelled the check. Mrs. Hallmark was left holding the bag, unable to pay back the money she borrowed.

She received no rent for February, March and April and was evicted April 1 for non-payment of rent.

See Photograph
In front of her last home, Mrs. Hallmark and her two children were encamped with her few household belongings, a chair, blackboards, a table, etc., the notices. Small private houses are at a premium and can be rented the very day they are vacated—usually at increased prices.

April Fool joke is on us. We are still here because we have no place to go, and I will continue until I am given employment on WPA so I can support my babies. No more county welfare for us! The Hallmarks.

In Los Angeles, beds in "flop-houses" that formerly cost \$10 and up, are now 25 cents and up, and are at a premium.

Those out of luck can sit and sleep in an all-night movie at five or 10 cents—and be put out on the street at 5 a. m. with the risk of being dragged in by the "rag pickers," the police vagrancy squad car.

Landlords are in revolt against the County Charities Dept. and the SRA. They feel they have long been underpaid with the miserable budget, rent allowances.

In some "special cases" (that is, where Workers' Alliance locals have been working effectively) increased rental allowances have been granted by SRA to a few hundred of the 7500 county charity "cases" housed in private dwellings.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

A QUOTATION I HEARD SOME PLACE STICKS IN MY MIND:

"The mills of the Gods grind slowly,
And they grind exceedingly small;
And considering what they have to grind,
It's a wonder they grind at all."

For the sake of Marxism, substitute in your mind the "dialectics of materialism" for "mills of the Gods," and we are ready to proceed. Whatever the mechanics of the mill may be, they certainly made prize hash out of a number of "police heroes" in the recent San Francisco vice-graft investigation.

Philosophy teaches us that all heroes have feet of clay, but the ones I have reference to could grow potatoes in their ears.

If you will remember the brutal and bloodthirsty attacks of police on the picket lines of the maritime workers during the 1934 strike, you will also recall that they divided themselves into three main periods. The first major attack was at Pier 18 on May 28th. The second was the Memorial Day massacre when police unleashed their fury on a youth demonstration and drenched the cobbles of the waterfront with the blood of 65 young people who went down with broken heads. The third was the Battle of Pinon Hill, better known as Bloody Thursday. Two men went down with bullets in their backs, never to rise again on that day, and literally hundreds were injured.

THE BATTLE of Pier 18 was led by Police Captain Arthur De Guire and Lieutenant Joseph Mignola, who were featured in the daily press as heroes, with no end of laudatory comment. Both men have since been removed and dismissed from the force for complicity with the underworld vice ring.

The Memorial Day massacre was also led by these two.

On Bloody Thursday, Captain Thomas M. Hoertkorn was proclaimed in the press as the "hero of the day." Back files of the papers contain vivid descriptions of how Captain Hoertkorn rode on the running board of a radio patrol car at the head of the first contingent of scab trucks coming off the docks, and how he waved a revolver in the air as he yelled: "The port is open!" Other accounts picture him in the thick of the battle, a blazing gun in one hand and a flailing club in the other.

Captain Hoertkorn has since been removed and dismissed from the force for complicity with the underworld.

These are the men who were held up to the public as heroic defenders of law and order, while the strikers themselves were maligned as an irresponsible mob.

Following the Pier 18 assault, Lieutenant Mignola proclaimed: "If the strikers come back for more, you'll find some of them in the morgue next time." He was not long in making good his threat.

When the strike was over, Chief of Police Quinn declared publicly: "If that mob had broken through police lines or 'Bloody Thursday,' it planned to move straight up Market street and start sabotage and pillage."

The fact was the police lines had their backs to the bay and drove the pickets straight up Market street with tear gas and gunfire. Anyone watching from an airplane would have gotten the idea that the strikers were defending the city from the police. And, of course, there was neither pillage nor sabotage, nor any violence whatsoever beyond the reach of police clubs and guns.

ALTHOUGH I AM mentioning Chief Quinn along with scoundrels like De Guire, Mignola and Hoertkorn, I want to make it plain that Chief was not considered implicated in the vice graft and has not been dismissed. There are a dozen Red-Lights within a block radius of the "Half of Justice, and the vice-grafting controls the Police Department, but Chief Quinn was "not implicated." I want to make that plain because it would be a shame for anyone to draw the wrong conclusions.

Current Reading

The Practices of the Enemies of Socialism Need Wide Exposure

Miner and Underminers

Murder at the Kemerovo Mines, Trotzkyite plotters at work. By Ernest Fischer, Workers Publishers at 5 cents.

Questions and Answers. On the Piatakov-Radek Trial by William Z. Foster. Workers Library at 10 cents.

These two pamphlets should be used and read in conjunction with each other. In the first the intrigue of the Trotzkyite plotters, murderers and saboteurs is so effectively exposed as to leave no doubt as to the lengths these degenerates will go to slake their maniac natured of working class achievement.

That one of these sadistic terrorists could exclaim, after arranging a death trap for more than a dozen workers, "Now our little brothers will perish like rats," reveals the fitness of the Trotzkyites to consort with their mind.

G.G.

Letters: From Readers of The Western Worker

South Pasadena.

Dear Comrades:

I wish to voice my sincere appreciation of the finest column in or out of print, "Seeing Red," by Michael Quin.

Nearly a year ago the W. W. published a poem in this column in the issue dated July 27, 1936. Will you kindly reprint "Said the Eagle," in the near, near future, as dozens of people wish to obtain a copy of this, as they term it, masterpiece. Please tell Mr. Quin that there is no need to apologize to Poe for this marvelous parody.

Joseph C. Musgrave.

Rouen, France.

Comrades:

I am in the army now, believe it or not. I suppose they think that such a move will hurt my feelings. I am with the troops.

Of course it may not last long.

I have heard that they are planning to isolate me for being a "dangerous member of society."

Our West Coast Fascists did their work very well.

I have noticed that the CIO is still busy in the auto industry.

Things are rather stormy here, due to the attitude of Mussolini.

The Italian troops in the Guadalajara sector must have taken a considerable beating.

Film Luminaries Welcome Malraux, Give Aid to Spain

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood proved that it knows the meaning of the phrase "defense of democracy" by turning out en masse to greet Andre Malraux, famous French author and commander of the Int'l. Air Squadron of the Spanish loyalist forces. On the night he spoke before 8,000 people who jammed the Shrine Auditorium, there were in the audience stars, writers, directors and even a scattering of studio executives.

Two nights later, he was honored guest at a banquet sponsored by the Motion Picture Artists' Committee; this was followed by a series of gatherings for him at the homes of screen luminaries. All in all, the result meant record-breaking contributions from film people, for the buying of medical supplies for Madrid's valiant defenders.

Solidarity

Incidentally, the story told by Malraux which made the deepest impression in Hollywood was the following: When the loyalists were retreating from Toledo early in the war, German planes flew very low, bombing the men. For some reason, many of the bombs failed to explode. Later, these same shells were picked up by the loyalists for salvage purposes. When they broke open the shells, they found a note in each one, on which was written: "Comrades of Spain: These shells will not explode. Workers of Portugal.

More film news dealing with Spain this week: Will Hays' office has approved the script of Paramount's "The Last Train from Madrid," first full-length picture with action entirely revolving around the Spanish war. Workers' groups, suspicious of the Hays okay, were not surprised to learn that the script turns out to have a rebel hero and loyalist heavies.

Mass protest will stop this slander of the Spanish people. And this column will keep you posted on future developments in this connection. The Italian consul at Los Angeles has been harassing Paramount, by the way, to make sure there are no Italian soldiers shown in the film.

From Paris comes word that Errol Flynn, Warner Bros. star, has left for the Madrid front. Story is that Flynn, who is also a writer, will do some stories about the war. Paramount has finally decided to give up its Madrid offices, announcing that they will be re-opened after hostilities are ended.

Films in Spain

No Hollywood film companies are distributing their product regularly in rebel-held territory, most of Spain's film business now being done through Barcelona. Holly Haas, one of the most popular German film stars before the reign of the monster (pardon us, state department), has been signed by Columbia to a long-term contract. She started in the talkies of "Broken Blossoms" made last year in London.

Another ex-German star, Conrad Veidt, once in Hollywood during silent film days, is being peddled to the studios. Harpo Marx has again been invited to tour the Soviet Union. He wowed them with his 500-knives act and other bits of pantomime, when he visited the USSR in 1932.

Previews

Previews of the week brought down plaudits on "Captains Courageous," which, despite some pretty mystical and sentimental gush, is one of the standout pictures of the year. A huge, impressive and fine production, with Spencer Tracy scoring his usual smash hit. "Top of the Town," New Universal's super-musical revue, which was opened without a preview, is typical of Hollywood's conception of "colossal"—with accent on noise and no effort spared to remind you that the film cost a million and a half bucks to make.

'TRIPLE A' ON OAKLAND STAGE

OAKLAND — Third and final performance of "Triple A Plowed Under" will be presented by the East Bay Theatre Union at the Oakland City Club Theatre Saturday night, April 10.

The play consists of a spectacular series of 25 scenes from the "Living Newspaper" running from the war and deflation, through the farm holiday strike and Triple A, and reaching a climax in a Supreme Court decision. The March of Time technique is used.

How Many Did You Answer?

1—The Independent Labor Party, headed by James Maxton, Member of Parliament, and the Socialist League, headed by Sir Stafford Cripps.

2—The Filipino Labor Union, C. D. Mensaivas, secretary. It is an independent union but favors affiliation with the AFL.

3—"A two-legged animal with a cork-screw soul, a water-logged brain and a backbone made of jelly and glue."

4—Robert Montgomery.

5—The Textile Workers Organizing Committee (TWOC), headed by Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

Black and White

By REB. RANEY

Black and White were fighting over colors.

Said White: "I lead the shades that deck the earth." But Black replied: "It ain't so good for babies, If only you attends 'em after birth."

The sky was growing dark; the wind was wailing. A storm was blowing up, among the clouds. Then rain began to kiss the life below it.

And give a drink of water to the crowds.

"O, see," said Black, "the sun,—the light it's bringing; Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet flare."

The two of them were hunting—in the rainbow,

To see if either one of them were there.

"That's funny," White remarked, "no Me—with colors."

And Black admitted, "Strange—Me, too,—left out."

Then both stood side by side and said, "Together,

We'll show the world we know what we're about."

In the Bay Area WPA Strike



A SITDOWNER in the paymaster's office at the start of the strike, in San Francisco.

Awakening of Labor on the Islands

A Hard Lot, But Awakening Has Come

By GAVIN GRAY

The plantation and pineapple workers of Hawaii, as well as a large section of the white collar and middle class, are being awakened as never before to the need for a solid front against the bosses rather than racial grouping against each other. In three years have seen them change from an apathetic resignation to their conditions to eager search for the realities of united action.

It must be remembered that behind Hawaii's water front the two gigantic industries, controlled from a single source, which employ 80 per cent of Hawaii's workers and that in the histories of those industries there is no record of a major, or even minor, labor conflict conducted on a united racial front. Naturally, any struggle conducted on a racial front was better paid than those in similar industries on the mainland and that Hawaii paid more taxes than 17 states. This is in the face of the fact that an international famous dietitian had pointed out that life and health could not be maintained on the plantation wage. Infant mortality set a western high and the men who made this record possible still had the gall to call attention to the fact that their enormous incomes made their brag about taxes paid as of the mainland United States.

Two-Edged

Meantime the lords and masters were howling their heads off because they were being discriminated against in favor of mainland sugar areas. In paid advertisements in the leading mainland magazines they were pointing out that Hawaii's workers were better paid than those in similar industries on the mainland and that Hawaii paid more taxes than 17 states. This is in the face of the fact that an international famous dietitian had pointed out that life and health could not be maintained on the plantation wage. Infant mortality set a western high and the men who made this record possible still had the gall to call attention to the fact that their enormous incomes made their brag about taxes paid as of the mainland United States.

Strikes, in the past, have been a dual victory for the bosses. On one hand they let the workers taste defeat by refusing to meet their demands and by turning the sentiment of a racially divided public against them. On the other hand they used the effective weapon of racial hatred by breaking the strikes with scabs of another race.

Workers learned slowly and bitterly that the force that was starving them and murdering their children could not be controlled individually and that capitalism deals out degradation without racial bias. A new fist is forming and its knuckles are being maimed. Hawaii's workers had to go to the bottom in order to learn that there is no place for them to go but up, but that experience has united them.

Mainland Connection

The experience of the more advanced mainland workers must be placed at the disposal of Hawaii's working class and the ships that sail there must take other cargoes than gold for the bosses.

The plantation workers of Cu-

When James K. Polk, who does not rank as one of America's major presidents, assumed office on March 4, 1845, California, still in the possession of Mexico, was in political confusion and chaos.

Movements had consolidated among the foreigners and among American traders and merchants for annexation by the United States; among British inhabitants for rule by England; among others for an independent California against fascism, of course.

Polk soon announced his plans to his cabinet. California might be purchased, but a better way, it seemed to Polk, was to stir up the spirit of revolt among the Americans in California against Mexican rule.

Should this not pan out—then there was always armed invasion. In negotiating for California's purchase, Polk offered as high as \$40,000,000. Only \$500,000 had been offered some ten years before.

Offers of purchase were repeatedly rejected, first by President Herrera of Mexico, and when he had been overthrown by a bloodless rising, by Paredes.

Haymarket—and The Origination Of Int'l May Day

On the night of May 4th, 1886, a dynamite bomb was thrown in the city of Chicago. The Haymarket bomb was responsible for the first major "red scare" in American history, and produced a campaign of "red baiting" which has rarely been equalled. It created America's first revolutionary martyrs, and led to the immediate popular condemnation of Socialism, Communism and Anarchism.

Judicial Murder

On November 11, 1887, one year and a half after the throwing of the bomb, four of the eight men charged with the crime were "judicially" murdered.

The Haymarket affair was a direct result of the May First Strike for the eight hour day, a strike which was set aside by the Second International in 1889 at Paris in dedication to the world struggle of labor.

The History of the Haymarket Affair" by Henry David is the only complete account, masterly compiled, containing a full bibliography of the whole incident.

This important book is to be reviewed in San Francisco by Dr. Edward Livingston, Ph. D., on Friday April 16th at 8 p.m. The place will be 121 Haight street in the dining hall down stairs. There will be discussion; refreshments will be served, admission is free.

North Hollywood.

DEAR DR. BISSELL: I have

itching at lower my face, scalp, an dat the opening of the ear. I can't see any causes for it in the skin. My arms and hands have pins and needles in them when I awaken. G.B.

Answer: It is possible that you have what is known as "Subhorroric dermatitis." If this is the case, it will clear up in a few days under the following treatment:

The following formula should be filled by your druggist and the ointment rubbed well into the face and outer ear every night before going to bed.

Sulphonated bitumen 1.8

Zinc oxide 15.0

Petrolat. q. s. ad 60.0

The following formula should be rubbed into the scalp every evening:

Sulphonated bitumen 0.9

Aquaphor q. s. ad 30.0

I do not think that you need to worry about the condition in your arms and hands. Treatment would depend on the findings of a doctor's investigation.

The following formula should be filled by your druggist and the ointment rubbed well into the face and outer ear every night before going to bed.

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SPLITTING ATTEMPT TO EXPEL COMMUNISTS FROM SEATTLE MARINE FIREMEN IS DEFEATED

Communists in Union Defended as Staunch Fighters During the Strike on the Picket Line and on Committees

SEATTLE—At a regular weekly business meeting of the Seattle branch of the Marine Firemen, a group of reactionaries thinking they could kick many militant union members out of the organization, because the overwhelming mass of the members are out at sea and could not vote at this meeting, put a motion to expel all Communists from the union.

The debate brought out that there was not a single thing they could say was done by the Communist Party that was against the interest of the workers; in fact a number of workers spoke of the fine work done by the Communists during the strike on the picket line and the strike committee.

Confidence was expressed in those Communists when they brought the Communist position by a defeat of the motion by 46 to 16. Many members abstained from voting for fear of being considered Communists. The influence of the Party is growing by leaps and bounds.

Police Head Broke Taxi Men's Strike

SANTA ANA—Cab drivers for the Broadway Cab Company struck and refused to take out their cabs recently. The men struck as the result of the refusal of the boss to guarantee them a wage of \$3.00 for a twelve-hour work day.

Some time ago it was brought to the attention of the Santa Ana city council that cab drivers were working as high as eighteen to twenty-four hours at a stretch, getting their sleep by cat-napping in the company office between calls.

Feeling that this was a menace to public safety, the council instructed the city attorney to draft a bill limiting the hours that a cab driver could work to ten, and providing that he must rest at least eight hours between shifts. At the first reading the bill was amended to permit twelve hours of work on the plea that the men could not earn enough in ten hours to a live.

All of \$1.25

On the first day of operation under the limitation of hours the men earned between 87c and \$1.25. The next morning they decided to demand a \$3.00 guarantee.

Taxicab service was tied up from seven in the morning until 11 the same morning, when the cab owners in connivance with Police Commissioner Plummer Bluns fired all the men but one. Bruns cooperated by revoking the permits of the drivers and issuing special emergency permits to the scabs. As a result, the strike was broken and the men lost their jobs.

Enjoin Teamsters, Strike is Solid

LOS ANGELES—In a typical boss maneuver, Superior Judge Emmett Wilson last Tuesday, April 6, granted a plea of the Pacific Freight Lines for a temporary injunction against the longshoremen and teamsters' union in the latter's strike for union recognition and reinstatement of drivers dismissed for union activities.

Hearing on a permanent restraining order has been set for April 16.

Why the injunction was issued also against the longshoremen's union was not made clear. The longshoremen have in no way been involved in the strike, which is centered chiefly about the main terminal of the company at 2501 South Alameda Street.

Harry Dail, union organizer commenting on the injunction was reported to have declared: "This strike has been conducted along clean cut lines and in an orderly manner. We expect and hope to continue it in conformity with our legal rights under Federal and State laws. The union has not been served with an injunction, but if it is, we will find legal and orderly means of fighting it."

Butchers Protest Threat to End S.F. Meat Inspection

SAN FRANCISCO—The Butchers Union and the San Francisco Labor Council have both adopted a resolution, pointing out that the meat inspection service is about to be abolished, and asking Mayor Rossi to appropriate money out of the Mayor's special fund to keep the meat inspection going at least until June 30.

There is a shortage of funds because the abattoir companies have not paid their share.

Co-ops in Spain

NEW YORK—Cooperatives are being destroyed in parts of Spain occupied by the rebels but are flourishing in loyalist Spain, the Cooperative League of the USA announces.

The S. F. ILGWU Voting

Discussion By a Member of the Results

ORGANIZATION PACE IN ORANGE COUNTY HAS EMPLOYERS THERE WORRIED; GAIN IS ON ALL SIDES

100% Organization of Butchers; Teamsters Are Getting There Fast; Mexican Workers Want to Join AFL

SANTA ANA—The drive for unionization in Orange County is proceeding at a pace that has the bosses worried. No sooner had an announcement been made that a drive would be made to organize the retail clerks, than the local chamber of commerce organized a committee to visit all the merchants.

MOBILIZATION BILL FASCIST, AIMS AT LABOR

War Measure Would Draft Labor, Bars Demands

WASHINGTON—The Shepard Hill Bill, which was unanimously condemned by the American League at the Eastern Seaboard Conference, was approved by General Hugh S. Johnson before the House Military Affairs Committee which sought his advice.

Miss Branster spoke to the American League Against War and Fascism, speaking at the Senate Committee hearing, characterized this bill "as harking back to the Industrial Mobilization Plans of 1933 and 1936, which set up machinery for a military-fascist dictatorship."

Against Labor

Miss Branster spoke to the Senate Committee on behalf of 1,195,000 people who were represented at the Eastern Seaboard Conference which heard addresses on the subject by Senator Gerald P. Nye, Ross M. Stein, author of "M. Day," Rep. John N. Coffey and others. The bill condemned by sincere fighters against war, is being offered as a measure "to curb war profits" and "promote peace." Peace advocates maintain it encourages war profits and sets the stage for war, and in fascist manner draft labor, and outlaws any demands on strikes for better wages or conditions.

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EXPLAINING PINEAPPLE KINGS' ACTS

Their Sudden Burst of "Generosity" Described

HONOLULU—A letter to the "Voice of Labor" explains the great "generosity" recently displayed by the pineapple kings of the Islands. It says:

Dear Sir:

In regards to an article which appeared in one of the daily papers in Honolulu, in regard to wage increases to be instituted by Pineapple Canneries, I would like to voice my own sentiments as to the actual reasons for this lavish gesture by the Pineapple Barons.

The Reason

I am employed at one of the principle canneries here in Honolulu. To me it seems that the pineapple barons are trying to placate workers, in order to keep them from exercising their rights and from forming a canneries workers union. For many years I, for one, had been underpaid and overworked; my earnings were so small that I could hardly meet all my obligations, as a result I am now heavily in debt.

It seems that the pineapple industries are afraid of unions and of the NLRB. For one thing, because they have practiced many forms of discrimination and blacklisting, a worker at any one of their canneries who opened his mouth to stick up for his own rights, found himself out of a job, without the prospect of finding another, because they saw to it that other channels of employment were closed to that man or woman.

So is it any wonder that pineapple cannery workers will welcome with open arms the coming of a canneries workers' union to the Hawaiian Islands. A union that in time will help to alleviate the misery of workers and help instill such conditions as would insure each worker an equal amount of work, without discrimination by employers. Raise the wage standard to such a level as would insure a decent living wage.

A CANNERY WORKER.

Machinists Win Lockheed Pact

LOS ANGELES—Six cents an hour wage increase, union recognition, 5-day and 40-hour week, and time and a half for overtime, were granted members of the Aerospace Mechanics' Union, local 727 of the Machinists International, by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation this week in an agreement signed by company and union officials.

Under terms of the contract, the union gains the right to be recognized as official and sole collective bargaining agent in the plant.

DEATH FOR PENNILESS

CARLSBAD, N. M.—With no money to buy food, Mrs. Pitchford gathered greens to cook. She died, and her two sons are critically ill. The greens were poisonous weeds.

Finger Printing in L. A.

Domestic Workers Made Victims of Fascist Idea

By PETTIS PERRY

The California Eagle (Los Angeles Negro weekly) in its issue for March 19th, in a most vicious manner lauds Chief of Police James Davis for his fascist drive to fingerprint domestic workers. In order that readers may clearly understand the dangerous and misleading arguments with which these people bolster their position, it is necessary to give an analysis of this article.

"Police to fingerprint domestic servants" was the heading used by the California Eagle. We quote: "Following the adoption of a finger-printing system for all domestic servants in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, and Pasadena, last Thursday, considerable excitement followed such an unexpected MEASURE (my emphasis, P. P.). Affecting as it does the hundreds of colored citizens who follow this class of livelihood, many, at first thought feared it would make their none too pleasant lot still harder."

In the first place the colored

people are perfectly correct in fearing the introduction of such a measure, intimating as it does that they are criminals. This, any right-thinking person will understand. That such a measure would make "their none too pleasant lot still harder" is also correct, although from a different point of view than that which the Eagle attempts to maintain.

Victims of Brutality

It is an established fact that the Negro people are victims of police brutality and mob violence on every pretext that the ruling class can use. The putting into effect of such a measure as the finger-printing which Chief Davis plans would mean the wholesale raiding of the homes of Negro people, arrests and brutalization of Negroes, ostensibly to seek thieves and kidnapers. It is from this point of view that the lot of the Negro people will be much harder than it is at present.

Quoting the Eagle again:

"But calmer digestion of the

question by students of economics, and both civil and social problems, revealed that rather

than being harmful, it will aid the colored servants." (My emphasis: P. P.)

From the foregoing, it would

seem that the Eagle thinks finger-printing is a good means of bettering and maintaining the economic status of the Negro people. We recall that there is also finger-printing as well as photographing of applicants for jobs in some civil service departments. But instead of working to their advantage, these measures are very disadvantageous. They are used to help the white ruling class deny many jobs in the higher brackets to Negroes. Any reasonably intelligent person would know that the white ruling class deny many jobs in the higher brackets to Negroes. Any reasonably intelligent person would know that the white ruling class deny many jobs in the higher brackets to Negroes.

It is a typical insurance policy and what it offers and does not offer you. For a little over \$2 a month you, a typical worker, get \$100 a month sickness or accident benefit, \$1000 for accidental death, \$2000 for loss of two limbs or sight or \$1000 for loss of one limb or sight of one eye and \$5 on doctor bills.

Examined Closely

It sounds swell, doesn't it? But examine it closer.

Not a cent do you get if you are hurt on the job! And after all, where do most of the accidents take place if not on the job?

Not one cent if you are sick for only a week. Benefits only begin on the 8th day. Don't most colds and other causes of loss of time keep us away from work one week or less? If the insurance company doctor can prove that your sickness was caught on the job or due to

who are denied the opportunity to practice the professions except on restricted, segregated basis—no matter what their qualifications?

The reporter from the Eagle

who interviewed Chief Davis concerning the finger-printing measure quotes the Chief as saying: "No certain race is singled out for this identification system, but all, regardless of color, will come under its ruling.

Local crime annals have yet to record a single kidnapping or other major felony in which a colored servant of the affected household was involved.

"The plan is not aimed at

trustworthy help, but at the group of criminals, many of them aliens, who have stolen thousands of dollars..."

Chief Davis' bringing in of

the question of "aliens" exposes

the scheme as a device for an anti-foreign-born worker drive,

which would be a combination of several things. Arrest and

trial of Negroes, and in true Hitler storm-troop style a drive against foreign-born workers would be features of this campaign.

If Negro domestic workers

have not been involved in any

major crimes, what is the logic

of finger-printing domestic workers, the majority of whom are Negroes? Simply this—in spite

of the claim made that thousands of dollars have been stolen

from employers' homes, the police will direct their attack

against the domestic workers,

and not against the real criminals and racketeers who are

really involved in such crimes,

and thus the drive against the

workers will make possible a

more complete white-wash of the big criminals whom the police never seem to be able to find.

I appeal to the people of California to stop this fascist attack on the civil rights of the workers by: (1) Expressing emphatic protests to Chief of Police Davis of Los Angeles, Chief Kelly of Pasadena and the Chief of Police of Beverly Hills; (2) Mobilizing all progressive forces throughout the state to campaign against the Hitler-like attack on American working people. We call upon the workers to resist efforts to fingerprint them, emphasizing that there is absolutely no basis, moral or legal, which requires it. A strong resistance now against this "trial balloon" will prevent its ever being given any legal status.

FASCISTS BREAK INTO ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE OFFICE

LOS ANGELES—Local Nazis

broke into the offices of the Anti-Nazi League at 6912 Hollywood Boulevard last Monday night, and destroyed files, membership cards, and other material, League officials reported.

Mrs. Elaine Hellingen, secretary

of the organization declared that

she found the door open when

she arrived Tuesday morning

and torn papers scattered all

over the floor.

Guild Signs Santa Rosa Up 100%

SANTA ROSA—All eligible

editorial workers from both

of Santa Rosa's daily newspapers

joined the Newspaper Guild at

a banquet here, held in con-

nection with the North Bay

Printing Employees' Association.

THE INSURANCE PROBLEM AND THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT—AN ANALYSIS FOR WORKERS

'Group Insurance' and Other Propositions Examined Closely, and Contrasted With That of the Intl. Workers Order

(Ed. Note: Due to the present flood of insurance literature on the waterfront a group of workers has analyzed these propositions and submits the following report. Every waterfront worker should read this material before laying out his cash for any policy.)

The average waterfront worker knows that through his union he has an increasing degree of strength and security. He knows that the union helps in more ways than wages and hours. The unions are besieged now by insurance agents offering various types of insurance. On the union's recommendation workers will spend thousands of dollars for insurance; therefore it is important for union officials to carefully weigh each insurance company or organization before recommending to the men.

conditions there—such as exposure to the weather—the company will not have to pay you any benefits, even though you lost a month's work. How many of us would benefit from such a policy?

Not a cent to your wife and children if you die from a sickness or an accident on the job.

The Workers' Order Offers

Now compare the above with the following service which is given by a fraternal order, the International Workers' Order, which we have examined:

"A worker, 35 years of age, can get the following from it: \$500 life insurance costs per month, 56 cents.

\$10 per week sickness or accident benefit, \$20 per week tuberculosis benefit, \$25-\$300 for permanent disability, costs per month, 85 cents.

\$90 funeral and benefit for all adult members of family and less for children, costs per month, 10 cents.